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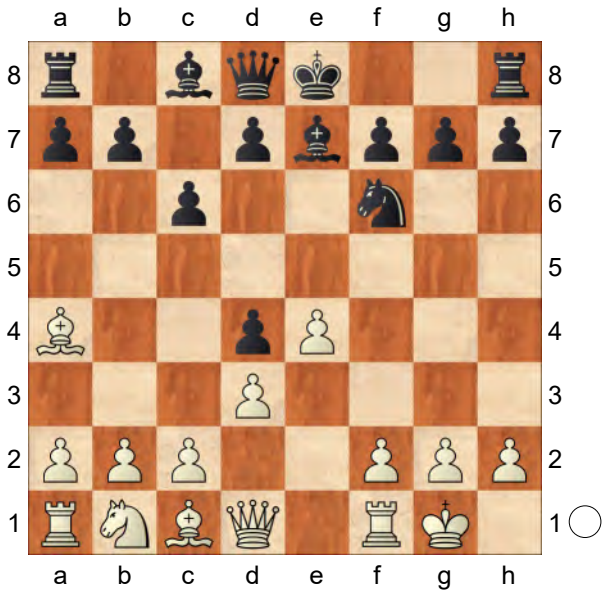
C61

□ **Eisele,Steffen** **2230**
■ **Tschlatscher,Thomas** **2217**
Wuerttemberg-chT Rapid (6.16) 13.04.24
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Ba4 Nf6
[6...Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]
[6...d6 7.d3 Nf6 8.c3 dxc3 9.Nxc3 Be7 10.d4 0-0 11.h3 b5 12.Bc2 a6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Ng3 Bf8 16.Qd2 c5 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Bb1 Qb8 21.d5 12.h4 h5 13.♗h6-Begun,S Bognor 1961]
7.d3 Be7N 1.08/21
[7...d5= 0.29/20 remains equal. 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.c3 Bd6 10.cxd4 Qh4 11.g3 Qh3 12.Qe2+ Kd8 13.f3 Re8 14.Qf2 Bf5 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxd3 17.Re1 Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Kd7 19.d5 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 b5 21.Bf4 Qh5 22.dxc6+ Kxc6 2.c4 e5-4.Qxd4 side lines Levice Toth Memorial 2019 (3) 1-0]

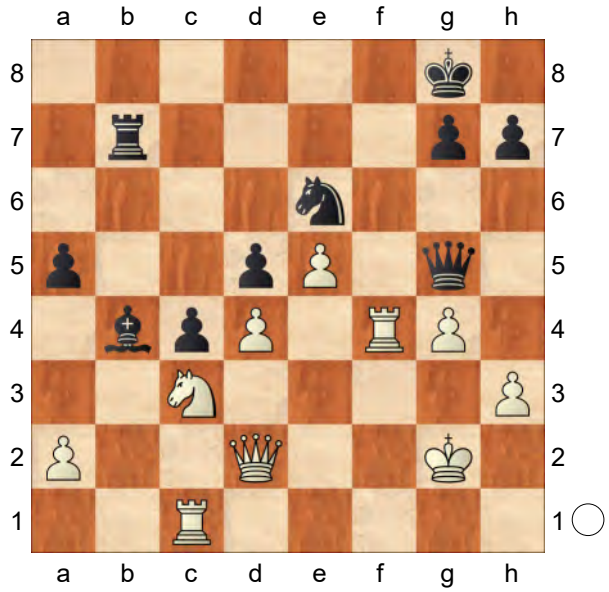
(Diagram)

8.Nd2 0.02/20
[8.e5!± 1.08/21]
8...0-0 9.Nf3 c5 0.42/23
[9...d5= 0.06/19 should be considered.]



10.c3 dxc3! 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re1 -0.06/18
[15.Rb1± 0.40/21]
15...Nc7 0.36/21
[15...c4= -0.06/18]
16.Rb1 Rb8 0.49/21
[16...cxd4= 0.01/21 17.Bc2 *(17.Rxb7 Qc8=; 17.cxd4 Rb8=; 17.Qxd4 Ne6=)* 17...dxc3]
17.Be3? -1.10/21
[17.dxc5± 0.49/21 keeps the upper hand. Bxc5 18.Be3]
17...b5∓ And now ...cxd4 would win.
18.Bc2 c4 19.g4 Bg6 20.Bxg6 -1.37/21
[⌓20.Ra1 -0.91/20]
20...fxg6 21.Kg2 Ne6 22.Qd2 a5 23.Ng1 -1.92/22
[23.Qc2∓ -1.40/22]
23...b4-+ 24.Ne2 g5 -1.20/22
[Black should play 24...b3-+ -1.79/21 25.Ra1 Ra8]
25.Rf1 -2.09/21
[25.Qc2∓ -1.20/22 is a better defense.]
25...bxc3? -0.47/19
[25...b3-+ -2.09/21 Hoping for ...Qd7. 26.Ra1 Qb6 27.axb3 cxb3]

26.Nxc3 Bb4 27.Rbc1 -1.26/22
[White should try 27.Qc2∓ -0.49/22]
27...Rb7 -0.60/22 Black is more active.
[27...Bxc3∓ -1.26/22 28.Rxc3 h6]
28.f4? -4.78/22
[28.Rb1∓ -0.60/22]
28...gxf4 29.Bxf4 Rxf4 -0.55/19
[29...Bxc3-+ -4.95/23 30.Rxc3 Rbf7]
30.Rxf4∓ Qg5 1.02/23
[30...Nxf4+= -0.30/19 31.Qxf4 Rf7
(31...Bxc3 32.Rxc3 Rf7 33.Qe3∓)]

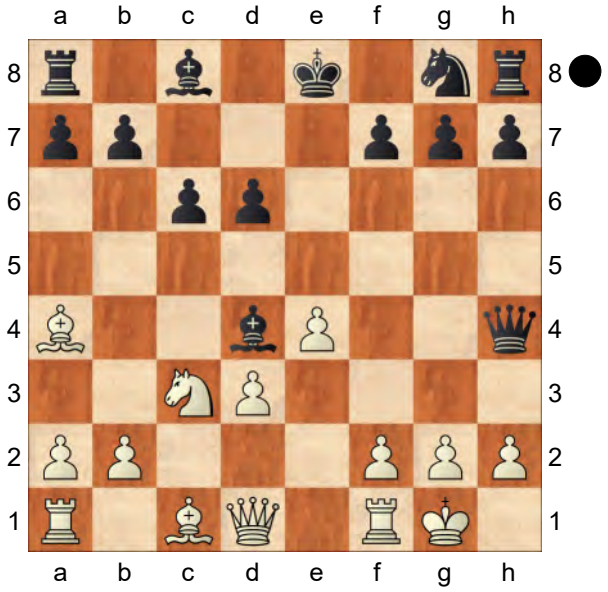


31.Rcf1? -7.50/22 **Rf7** Pin
[Wrong is 31...Bxc3? 32.Rf8+ Nxf8 33.Qxg5+-]
32.h4 Nxf4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=0.61.
Loses game: White=2 ---
Missed win: --- Black=2
Mistake: White=7 Black=6
Inaccurate: White=3 ---
OK: White=5 Black=10
0-1

C61
□ **Titarov,Vasilii** **2208**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2697**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Early blitz (3)
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 42/(396)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3** 0.01/19
[6.d3± 0.55/19]
[6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4 Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0]
6...Qh4N 0.71/19
[6...c6= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. 7.Bc4 *(7.Ba4 Ne7 8.d3 d5 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f4 f5 13.e5 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.a4 Ba6 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Be3 Ne6 20.Qf3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Qd7* Jaivardhan,R (2620)-11.♘bd2 10127 (2590) Slovenija 80/372 2000 (5) 1-0*; 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.b4 Be7 10.Re1 Nf6 11.b5 Be6 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.cxd4 Rfd8 16.Bb2 Rab8 17.Bc3 c5 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Be5 Bd6 20.Bc4 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf4* Timman,J (2620)-Beliavsky,A (2585) Tilburg 42/(396) 1986 *)* 7...d6]
[6...Ne7 7.d3 0-0 8.Qh5 Bb6 9.cxd4 d5 10.Be3 c6 11.Ba4 f5 12.Qh4 Qe8 13.f3 Ng6 14.Qe1 fxe4 15.dxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 exf3 17.Nxf3 Be6 18.Qc3 Bd5 19.Bb3 Qd7 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Chernov,V (2405)-Sakaev,K (2620) 72/3 Chisinau

1998]
7.d3± c6 8.Ba4 d6 1.14/21
[8...Nf6± 0.40/20]
9.cxd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3? -0.35/21
[White should play 10.Bxc6+± 1.60/21 Kf8 *(10...bxc6 11.Qa4±)* 11.Qa4]



10...Nf6∓ 11.Qf3 Bg4 12.Qg3 Qxg3 13.hxg3 Nd7 14.Bd1 -0.66/22
[14.Re1= -0.26/22 should be considered.]
14...h5! Black is more active. **15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ne5 17.Bxg4** -1.18/23
[⌓17.Bc2 -0.73/22]
17...Nxg4∓
[17...hxg4?! 18.d4 Ng6 19.b4=]
18.Rae1 g6 19.d4 -1.69/23
[19.Nd1∓ -0.82/21]
19...0-0-+ 20.Rf4 Kg7 -1.30/22
[20...Rae8-+ -1.66/24 21.Kf1 f6]
21.Kf1∓ Rae8 -0.97/23
[⌓21...Rfe8 -1.40/24 22.Ke2 a5]
22.Ke2 a5 -0.76/21
[⌓22...Re7 -1.15/22 23.b4 b5]
23.Kd3 Re7 24.a4 Nf6 0.01/25
[Black should try 24...Rfe8∓ -1.08/25 White must now prevent ...f5! 25.Rf3 Re6]
25.Ref1= Nd7 26.g4 hxg4 27.Rxg4 Rh8 28.Rgf4 Rh2 29.R1f2 Nf8 30.g4 -0.61/27
[30.Rf6= -0.01/26]
30...Rh1∓ 31.Rf1 Rh4 32.g5 Rh5 33.Rg4
[33.Rf6 Rd7 34.Rg1 Nh7-+]
33...Ne6 34.Rfg1!
[Reject 34.Rf6 Rd7 *(34...Nxg5 35.Rxd6 f6 36.Ne2=; 34...Rxg5?* too greedy. *35.Rxe6* Remove Defender *fxe6 36.Rxg5+-)* 35.Rf2 Nxg5∓ *(35...Rxg5 36.Rxg5 Nxg5 37.Rf1∓)*]
34...Re8 35.Ne2 -0.54/20
[35.Nb1!= -0.05/22]
35...Rh3 -0.01/24
[35...Rh2∓ -0.54/20]
36.R1g3 -0.52/24
[36.Nf4= -0.01/24 Nxf4+ 37.Rxf4]
36...Reh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise) .
Mistake: White=7
Black=6
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=3
OK: White=11
Black=12
Best: White=3
Black=1
Strong: White=1
Black=1 . Loss on time!?
0-1

C61

□ **Maksimovic,Bojan 2497**
■ **Hungaski,Robert Andrew 2471**

Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Jan Early blitz (9) *[MH]*

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Dvoirys,Semen I: 'Dvoirys,S: 'Inf 58/(354)" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d6**

[7...d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 f5 22.Nf3 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]

8.Nd2N

[8.c3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.a4 0-0-0 13.Bxe6+ fxe6 14.b4 dxc3 15.bxc5 cxd2 16.f4 dxc5 17.e5 Rxd3 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Qc2 Rhd8 20.Rad1 R3d4 21.Rf2 e5 22.Rfxd2 e4 10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_7382-Gustafson,D 84/(351) Cutro 2002 (6) 1-0]

[8.Qh5 Qe7 9.Nd2 Nf6 10.Qh4 g5 11.Qg3 Rg8 *(11...d5 12.exd5 Bd6 13.Qxg5 Rg8 14.Ne4 Rxg5 15.Bxg5* Dvoirys,S (2570)-Meister,J (2460) 58/(354) Russia 1992 *)* 12.Nb3 Nh5 13.Qf3 g4 14.Qd1 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

[8.f4 Nf6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.fxe5 Qd5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Nd2 Rg8 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bf4 Rg6 16.Qe2 Bg4 17.Qf2 Rag8 18.Rae1 h5 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Qf4 Be6 21.h4 Bd5 22.g4 Kg7 5.f3 00 6.♗e3_42823-Serzhanov,G (ch) 96/41 Georgia 2006 (2) 1-0]

8...Ne7 9.a3 a6 1.21/23

[⌓9...0-0 0.83/25]

10.Ba2± d5 White is better. **11.e5** -0.02/21

[White should play 11.f4± 1.16/21]

11...0-0= 12.Qh5 Bf5 0.16/23

[⌓12...Nf5 -0.21/17]

13.Nf3 Bg6 0.37/23

[13...Qd7= 0.00/21 is more appropriate.]

14.Qh4!± Nf5 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.g4 Prevents Bh5 **16...Ne7 17.Bg5** 0.67/15

[17.b4± 1.08/20 Bb6 18.h3]

17...Re8! 18.Rae1 a5 1.09/16

[18...h6± 0.62/20]

19.Kg2 0.41/21

[19.Nd2± 1.09/16]

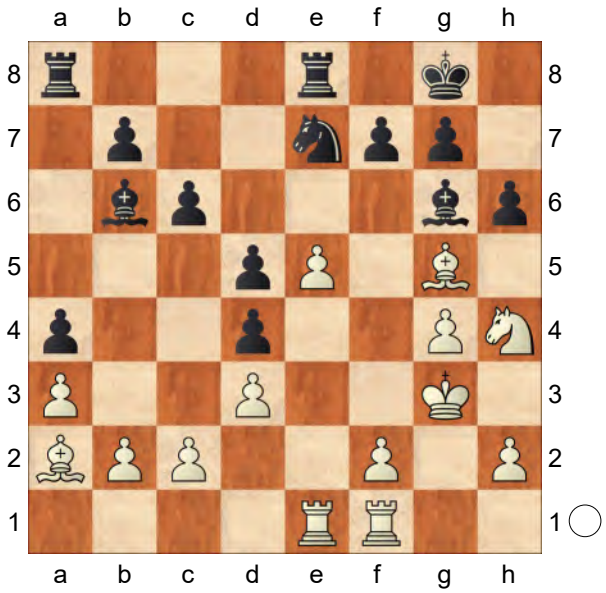
19...Bb6 1.25/17

[19...h6± 0.41/21 20.Bc1 h5]

20.Kg3 0.41/15

[20.Ng1± 1.25/17]

20...a4 21.Nh4 h6



22.Bxe7 0.00/23

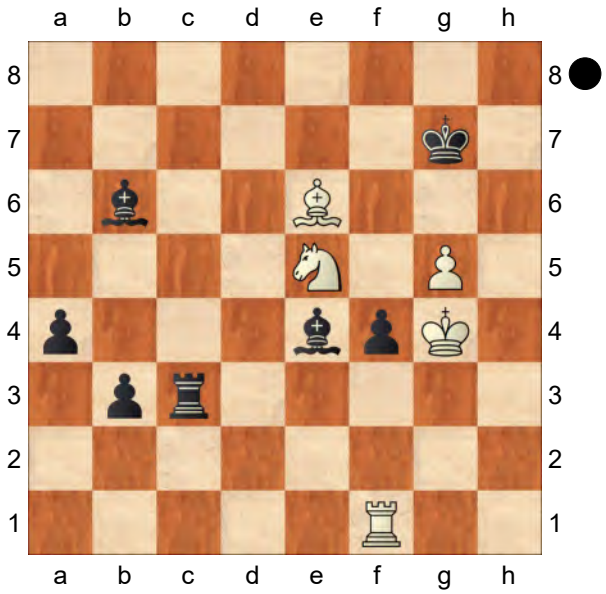
[22.Bd2!± 0.86/21]

22...Rxe7= 23.f4 Bc7 24.Nf3 Bh7 25.Nxd4 g5 26.Kf3 -1.09/22

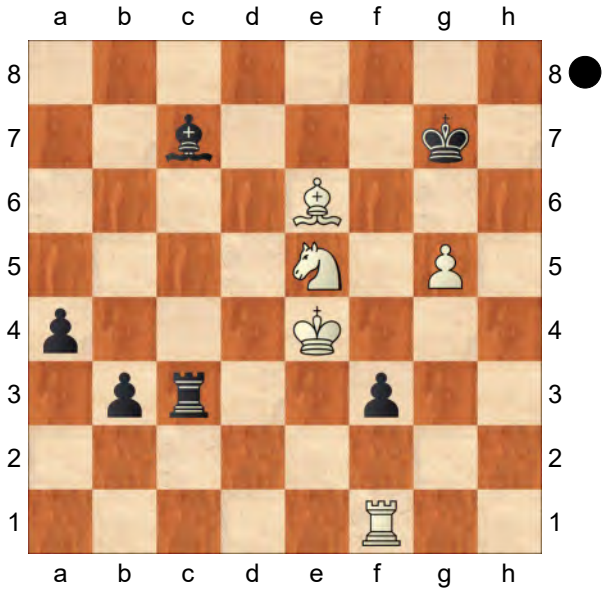
[26.Nf5!= -0.02/18 Bxf5 27.gxf5

gxf4+ 28.Kxf4]
26...gxf4∓ ...Rae8 would now be deadly.
27.e6 -2.40/20
[27.Nf5∓ -1.04/20 was called for. Bxf5 *(27...Rxe5? 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Re1∓)* 28.gxf5 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Bxe5 30.Re1 Bxb2 31.Rg1+ Kf8 32.Rb1 Bxa3 33.Rxb7]
27...Rae8-+ 28.exf7+ Kxf7 29.Rxe7+ Rxe7 30.Bb1 Kf6 31.Kg2 c5 32.Nf3 -2.44/19
[⌓32.Nb5 -1.84/21 Be5 33.h4]
32...Re3 33.Rf2 -3.61/20
[⌓33.h4 -2.16/21]
33...c4 34.h3 b5
[34...cxd3 35.cxd3 Bxd3 36.Bxd3 Rxd3 37.Re2-+]
35.Rd2 Bb6 36.dxc4 -6.68/20
[⌓36.Ba2 -4.24/21]
36...Be4 Zwischenzug
[36...dxc4 37.Rd6+ Re6 38.g5+ Ke7 *(38...hxg5? 39.Rxe6+* Deflection *Kxe6 40.Nxg5+ Kd6 41.Nxh7+-)* 39.Rxe6+ Kxe6 40.gxh6∓]
37.Rf2 dxc4 38.Ba2 c3 39.bxc3 Rxc3 40.Rf1 Rxa3 -8.24/16
[⌓40...Rxc2+ -#12/16 41.Kh1 Rxa2 42.h4 Rxa3 43.Kg2 Rc3 44.Re1 Bxf3+ 45.Kh3 h5 46.g5+ Kf5 47.Rb1 Be4+ 48.Kh2 Rc2+ *(48...Bxb1* is a self mate. *49.Kh1 Rc1+ 50.Kh2 Be4 51.Kh3 Rh1#)* 49.Kh3 Bg2+ *(49...Rc3+ 50.Kh2 Rc2+ 51.Kh3 Bg2+ 52.Kh2 Bf3+ 53.Kh3 Bg4#)* 50.Kh2 Bf3+ 51.Kh3 Bg4#]
41.Bg8 Rc3 42.h4 b4 43.g5+ hxg5 44.hxg5+ Kg7 45.Be6 Rxc2+ 46.Kh3 Rc3 47.Kg4 b3 ...b2 is the strong threat. **48.Ne5**

(Diagram)

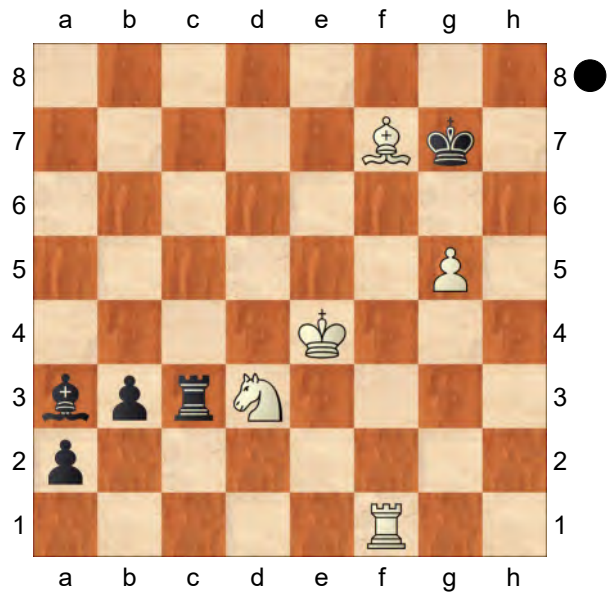


f3 Threatens to win with ...b2. **49.Kf4**
[49.Rd1 Rc7]
49...Bc7 50.Kxe4

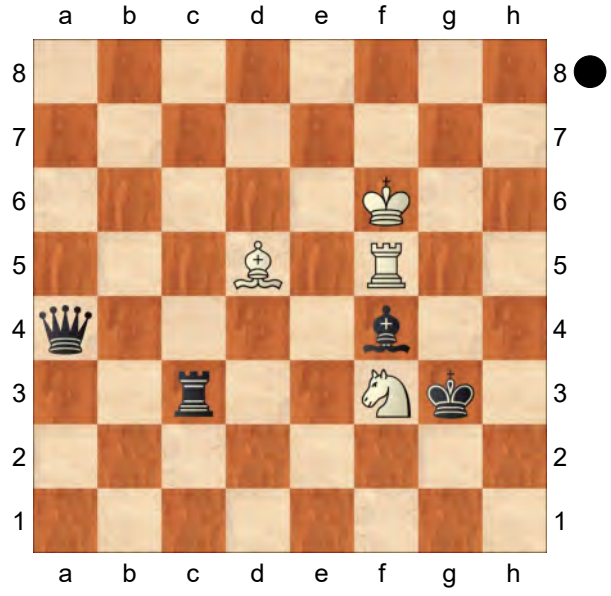


f2 0.00/24 **51.Nd3** Dodges b2 **51...a3** Hoping for ...Bb6. **52.Rxf2 a2 53.Rf1 Bd6 54.Bd5 Ba3 55.Bf7?** -6.64/23
[55.Ne5= 0.00/28 Rc5 56.Bxb3 Rxe5+ 57.Kxe5 a1Q+ Decoy 58.Rxa1 Bb2+ 59.Kd5 Bxa1 60.Bc2]

(Diagram)



55...Bc1! Promotion **56.Bxb3**
[56.Rxc1 Rxc1]
56...a1Q
[56...a1B? too greedy. 57.Rxc1
(57.Nxc1 Bb2=) 57...Rxc1
58.Nxc1+-]
57.Rf7+ Kg6 58.Ne5+ Kxg5
(-> ...Re3+) **59.Rf5+ Kh4** Black mates.
60.Nf3+ Kg3 61.Bd5 Qa4+ 62.Ke5 Bf4+ 63.Kf6



Rc6+! 64.Bxc6 Qxc6+ 65.Kg7 Qxf3 66.Rf7 Qg4+ 67.Kf8 Bd6+ 68.Ke8 Qc8#

Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.56.
Loses game: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=10
Black=5
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=4
OK: White=7
Black=9
Best: ---
Black=3
Strong: ---
Black=1
0-1

C61
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2731**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza 2785**
Norway Chess 11th (3) 01.06.2023
[Krasenkow,Michal, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Thipsay,Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: 'Chetverik & Raetsky: 'As Spassky was growing up, he benefited from being trained by Alexander Tolush who was known as a very aggressive player. Indeed, according to legend Tolush wouldn't analyse Spassky's games with him, unless he had sacrificed some form of material in them! This desire to sacrifice undoubtedly helped Spassky become an even better tactician and was to stay with him throughout his career.' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: 'Inf 44/(391)" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5**
[9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3

Kh7 21.Ba2 Qb4 22.Rah3 Qxb2 23.Qf4 Ng8 Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10. g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0]

9...a5N

[9...0-0]

[9...Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 23.Ra5 Qe5 24.Rfa1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]

[9...dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 d3 13.cxd3 Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qf2 19.Nc3 g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.Be3 Spassky,B (2605)-Barua,D (2450) (open) 44/(391) 1987]

10.a3! dxe4 White is slightly better.

[10...0-0?! White had an opportunity to repeat moves and should have used that chance: Weiß hatte die Möglichkeit, Züge zu wiederholen und hätte diese Chance nutzen sollen: 11.f6 gxf6 12.Qh5 With the idea Nd2. *(12.Qh5!?)* 12...Be6 13.Bh6! This intermediate move makes the difference. Dieser Zwischenzug macht den Unterschied. *(13.Rxf6 Ng6 14.Rf1 Qd7 15.exd5 Qxd5 16.Qd1 Qe5 17.Bh6 Rfe8* White must now prevent ...Bd6. *18.Nd2 Bd6 19.g3! Bf8! 20.Bxf8! Rxf8)* 13...Re8 14.Rxf6?! Ng6 15.Rf1!

A) 15...Qd7 0.85/22 15...b5 -0.07 Desperation. Black converts his material advantage without major problems. Verzweiflung. Schwarz verwertet seinen Materialvorteil ohne größere Probleme. 16.Nd2 Bg4 1.57/22 *(⌓16...Be7* 0.85/21 *17.Qf3 Bh4)* 17.Qg5± Be7 Dodges Qf6 18.Rf6! aiming for exd5! b5 19.Bb3 And now exd5! would win. Ra6 2.26/22 *(⌓19...a4* 1.62/20 *)* 20.Raf1!;

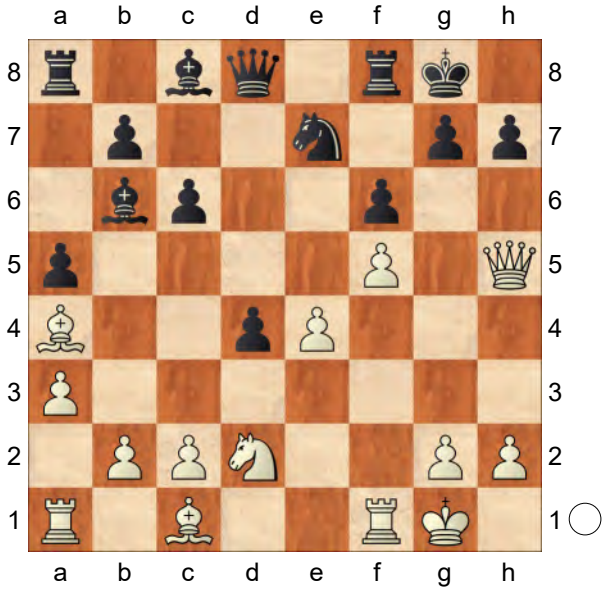
B) 15...b5! 16.Bb3! a4 17.Ba2! White can't protect the f2 pawn. Weiß kann den f2-Bauern nicht schützen. Qh4? 18.Qxh4! This tactics decides. Dieses taktsche Schlag entscheidet. Nxh4 19.Nd2]

11.dxe4 0-0! 12.Qh5 Bb6 1.42/23

[12...d3+!± 0.44/20 13.Kh1 Qd4]

13.Bg5 0.39/25 Threatening Nd2! Other popular moves in this tabia: Andere beliebte Züge in dieser Tabia:

[13.Nd2 f6 1.63/22 *(13...Kh8±* 0.97/20 *)*



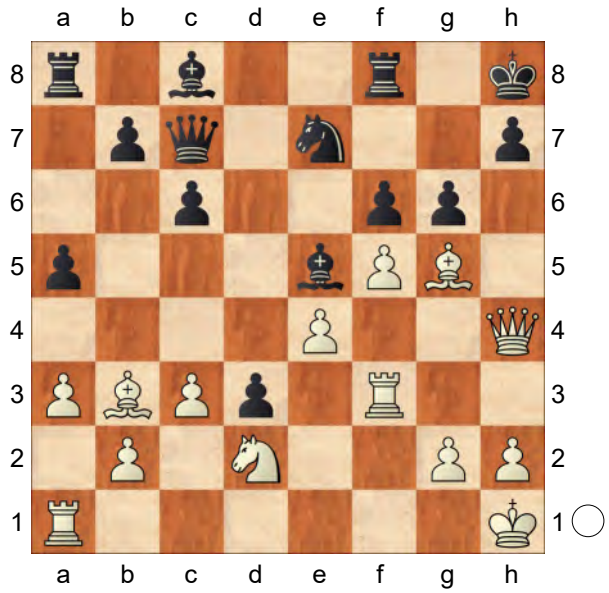
14.Bb3+ 0.82/16 *(14.Rf3!+-* 1.63/22 Hoping for Bb3+. *g6 15.Bb3+ Kg7 16.Rg3)* 14...Kh8± 15.a4]

[White should play 13.Nd2± 1.42/23]

13...d3+ 1.38/18

[13...f6!? A double-edged break. There was no need to hurry: Ein zweischneidiger Durchbruch. Es

gab keinen Grund zur Eile: 14.Bf4!]
[13...f6± 0.39/25 14.Bb3+ Kh8]
14.Kh1± Bd4 2.12/20 Strongly threatening ...Qf6!
[14...f6± 1.25/23]
15.c3+-
[15.cxd3 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Bd4±
(16...Qxd3? loses. *17.Nd2+-)*]
15...Be5 16.Nd2 Threatens to win with Rf3. **16...Qc7** 2.86/23
[16...b5± 1.43/21 was necessary.]
17.Rf3 Rh3! is the strong threat. **17...g6 18.Qh4 f6** A series of manoeuvres and cat-and-mouse play starts. The position is objectively equal. Eine Reihe von Manövern und ein Katz-und-Maus-Spiel beginnt. Die Lage ist objektiv ausgeglichen. **19.Bb3+ Kh8** #4/17
[19...Nd5+- 4.95/21 20.fxg6
(20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.fxg6 hxg6+-; 20.exd5 fxg5 21.Qxg5 Kg7±)
20...a4]



20.Qxh7+!! Decoy. White mates. **20...Kxh7 21.Rh3+ Kg7 22.Bh6+** Skewer, Deflection **22...Kh8 23.Bxf8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.89.
Mistake: White=1
Black=5
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=1
OK: White=5
Black=3
Best: White=1 ---
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Brilliant: White=1 ---
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C61
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2732**
Norway Chess 11th (1) 30.05.2023
[Krasenkow,Michal, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence Thipsay,Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: 'Chetverik & Raetsky: 'As Spassky was growing up, he benefited from being trained by Alexander Tolush who was known as a very aggressive player. Indeed, according to legend Tolush wouldn't analyse Spassky's games with him, unless he had sacrificed some form of material in them! This desire to sacrifice undoubtedly helped Spassky become an even better tactician and was to stay with him throughout his career.' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: 'Inf 44/(391)" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7** Not a "classical" move. Black usually fears to weaken light squares in this system and prefers ...a7-a6. However, recent practice sees this advance more and more often. Kein 'klassischer' Zug. Schwarz scheut sich in diesem System normalerweise, weiße Felder zu schwächen, und bevorzugt ...a7-a6. In

der jüngeren Praxis sieht man diesen Vorstoß jedoch immer häufiger. **8.f4 d5 9.f5**

[9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7 21.Ba2 Qb4 22.Rah3 Qxb2 23.Qf4 Ng8 Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10. g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0]

9...a5N A logical consequence of 7...a5. However, Eine logische Folge von 7...a5. Allerdings ist

[9...0-0]

[9...Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 23.Ra5 Qe5 24.Rfa1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]

[9...dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 d3 13.cxd3 Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qf2 19.Nc3 g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.Be3 Spassky,B (2605)-Barua,D (2450) (open) 44/(391) 1987]

10.a3! Otherwise White should reckon with ...Ra8-a5, e.g. Ansonsten sollte Weiß mit ...Ta8-a5 rechnen, z.B..

10...dxe4 White is slightly better.

[10...0-0?! Too optimistic. There was no nead to give up the b4 pawn. Zu optimistisch. Es bestand keine Notwendigkeit, den b4-Bauern aufzugeben. 11.f6 gxf6? This pawn capture only helps Black. Dieses Schlagen eines Bauern hilft nur Schwarz.

A) 12.Bh6!∞ -0.16/21 12.Qh5 0.30 but not aber nicht Re8! 13.Nd2 Ng6 14.Bb3 -0.63/21 *(14.exd5=* -0.20/23 *b5 15.Bb3)* 14...a4 15.Ba2 Re5 16.Kh1+- dxe4 17.Nxe4 Be7!?∞ 18.Qd2! -0.67/18 *(*Better is *18.Qf3=* 0.00/19 *)* 18...Be6;

B) 12.Qh5 White wants to play Bh6. 12...Be6

B1) 13.Rxf6! Strongly threatening Bg5. Ng6 14.Rf1 Qd7 15.exd5 Qxd5 16.Qd1 Qe5 17.Bh6= ⌓Rfe8∞ *(17...Bd6!? 18.g3□ b5=)* 18.Nd2!? Bd6!? 19.g3! Bf8! 20.Bxf8! Rxf8;

B2) 13.Bh6 Re8! White has regained the pawn but Black strikes a decisive blow. Weiß hat den Bauern zurückgewonnen, aber Schwarz holt zum entscheidenden Schlag aus. 14.Rxf6! Ng6 Against Qe5 15.Rf1!

B2a) 15...Qd7 0.72/21 15...b5 -0.18 16.Nd2 Bg4 1.38/23 *(*Black should try *16...Be7* 0.77/21 *17.Qf3 Qc7)* 17.Qg5± Black wins one of White´s pieces. Schwarz gewinnt eine von Weiß' Figuren. Be7 Inhibits Qf6. 18.Rf6!-+ b5 19.Bb3 is now favorable for Black. ist jetzt günstig für Schwarz. And now exd5! would win. ⌓Ra6 , and the position remains unclear. If und die Position bleibt unklar. Wenn. ...c5 is the strong threat. 20.Raf1! then dann;

B2b) 15...b5 16.Bb3 a4 17.Ba2 Qh4 18.Qxh4 Nxh4

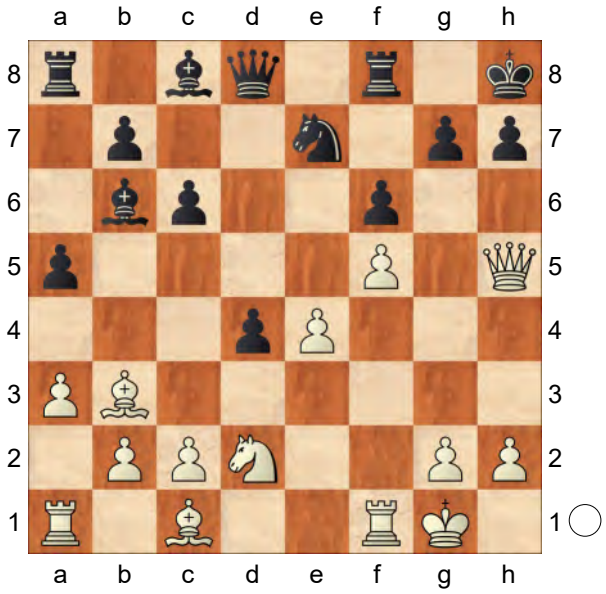
19.Nd2]

11.dxe4 Black must now prevent Qh5. **11...0-0! 12.Qh5** Various plans and move orders have been tried here: Hier wurden verschiedene Pläne und Zugfolgen ausprobiert:. Hoping for f6. **12...Bb6** 1.16/18 A standard manoeuvre: the knight goes to g6, and Black gets a possibility to play ...c7-c6 and ...d6-d5 later on. Ein Standardmanöver: der Springer geht nach g6, und Schwarz erhält die Möglichkeit, später ...c7-c6 und ...d6-d5 zu spielen.

[12...d3+!± 0.54/20 13.Kh1 Qd4]

13.Bg5 0.26/23

[13.Nd2! f6! 14.Bb3+ Kh8



Black has won a pawn bu has a lot of pawn weaknesses and an unsafe king. All these factors make the position dynamically equal. Schwarz hat einen Bauern gewonnen, hat aber eine Menge Bauernschwächen und einen unsicheren König. All diese Faktoren machen die Stellung dynamisch ausgeglichen. 15.a4!]

[13.Nd2± 1.16/18]

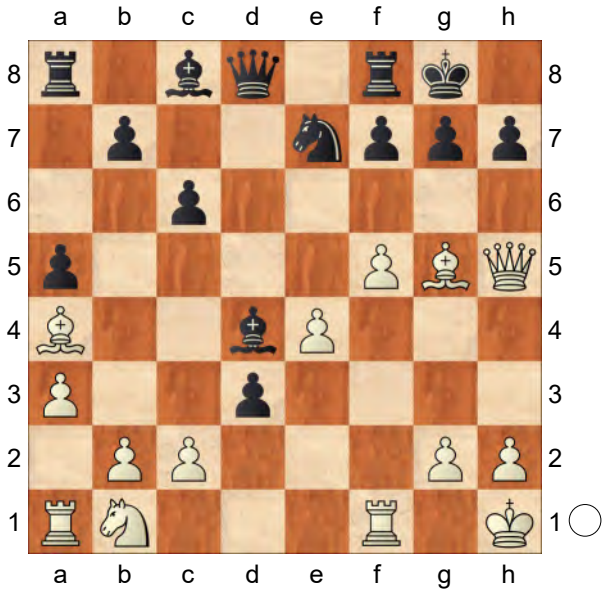
13...d3+ 1.29/18

[13...f6 14.Bf4]

[13...f6= 0.26/23 14.Bb3+ Kh8]

14.Kh1± Bd4 2.06/20

[14...f6± 1.16/22]



15.c3!+-

[15.cxd3 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Be5±
(16...Qxd3? 17.Nd2+-)]

15...Be5 16.Nd2 Rf3 would now be deadly. **16...Qc7** 2.66/21

[⌓16...b5 1.67/19]

17.Rf3 aiming for Rh3! **17...g6 18.Qh4 f6?!** 4.86/21 Too passive. Zu passiv.

[⌓18...Nxf5 3.33/21 19.exf5 Bxf5]

19.Bb3+! White seizes initiative. White ergreift die Initiative. **19...Kh8?** #4/17

[19...Nd5+- 4.56/20 20.fxg6
(20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.fxg6 hxg6+-;
20.exd5 fxg5 21.d6+ Kg7±) 20...a4]

(Diagram)

20.Qxh7+!! White misses an excellent opportunity: Weiß verpasst eine hervorragende Gelegenheit:. Decoy. White mates. **20...Kxh7 21.Rh3+ Kg7 22.Bh6+** Skewer, Deflection **22...Kh8** Black's piece play compensates for the

weakness of this pawn. Das schwarze Figurenspiel kompensiert die Schwäche dieses Bauern. **23.Bxf8#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.82.
Mistake: White=1
Black=6
Inaccurate: White=1 ---
OK: White=7
Black=3
Best: White=1 ---
Brilliant: White=1 ---
. Loss on time!?
0-1

C61
□ **Sethuraman,S P** **2613**
■ **Pranav,Anand** **2416**
Sitges Sunway op 8th (3.6) 15.12.2021
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 0.98/21
[8...Be7± 0.43/20]
9.h3±
[Not 9.cxd4 Qh4 10.Qf3 Qxh2+ 11.Kf1 Nh6∓]
9...Ne5 10.d3 Qb6 1.33/19
[Black should try 10...dxc3 0.84/16 11.Nxc3 Nxc4]
11.Bb3N 0.95/18
[⌓11.a4 1.33/19 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 24.Rdb1 Be6 25.Bxd6 Re8 26.c5 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9. h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
11...Be7 12.Qe2 0.53/19
[White should play 12.cxd4± 0.91/21 Qxd4 13.Bc2]
12...g5 0.90/19
[12...0-0± 0.53/19 was preferrable.]
13.cxd4 Qxd4 14.Rd1 Be3 is the strong threat. **14...Ng6! 15.Be3** 0.00/23
[15.Qh5± 0.65/18]
15...Qg7= 16.Qh5 Nf4 17.Bxf4 gxf4 18.Nc3 Rg8 0.39/21
[18...0-0= -0.21/19]
19.Qf3± Qh6 20.Kf1! Rg7 21.d4 Bd7 22.Ne2 Bg5 23.Ba4 d5 would now be deadly. **23...b5! 24.Bc2 Kf8** 1.31/18
[Better is 24...a5 0.71/19]
25.b4± f6 26.Bb3 Re7 27.a4 bxa4 28.Rxa4 Be8 29.Qd3 0.51/17
White is more active.
[29.d5± 0.98/13]
29...Qg6± 30.Nc3
[30.h4!? Bh6□ 31.Ra6±]
30...Rb8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) .
Mistake: White=4
Black=4
OK: White=7
Black=10

Best: White=1
Black=1
Strong: White=1
Black=1
1-0

C61
□ **Bajarani,Ulvi** **2485**
■ **Javanbakht,N** **2461**
TCh-TUR 1st League 2019 (3.3) 23.07.19
[Flear,Glenn, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
ChessBase II: 'Mon Hokmome: 'C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
'' ChessBase II: 'Mon Hokmome: 'Schallopp,Emil: '003 Spanische Partie
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''' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 For any white player who can't remember his theory that well, then this straightforward approach generally leads to comfortable development with very little risk of any accidents occurring! Worth noting, perhaps? **4...exd4 5.0-0 h5** 1.16/19
[5...c6± 0.67/20 feels stronger.]
[5...Bc5 6.d3 *(6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4* Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0 *)* 6...c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]
6.d3 The knight on f4 bears down on the d5-square which so often offers White an important outpost.
[6.c3 0.67/19 6.d3 1.38 Bc5 1.23/19 *(6...c6⩲* 0.67/19 *)* 7.cxd4 0.65/19 *(7.d3±* 1.23/19 *)* 7...Bxd4⩲ 8.Nc3 c6 And now ...Bxc3! would win.
A) 9.Ne2 0.15/13 9.Bc4 0.89 Bb6! 10.Ba4 With the idea d4. d6 1.04/14 *(10...d5=* 0.03/15 remains equal. *)* 11.d4± Bg4 12.f3 0.87/15 *(⌓12.d5* 1.29/18 *)* 12...Be6± 13.Kh1 Ne7 1.23/15 *(⌓13...d5* 0.71/16 *)* 14.d5?± Bd7! 15.Bf4 0.76/19 is also not bad, but the king is best placed out of the firing range. *(⌓15.dxc6* 1.17/19 *Bxc6 16.Nc3)* Maybe 15...cxd5± which stops any ...Re2 ideas. After 16.Bxd6!? 0.29/19 I like *(16.Bb3±* 0.78/19 *)* 16...Bxa4!= as then 17.Qxa4+? is too slow as White has Qd7 with the point that he mates first. 18.Qa3!? Rd8?! 19.e5! -0.38/16 *(19.Bb4!±* 0.72/16 *)* Alternatively, and perhaps stronger is 19...Nf5∓ which after 20.Rfd1 h4 -0.36/19 *(20...d4∓* -0.78/21 *21.Bc5 Rh6)* 21.Bc5!∓ Ng3+? 3.71/22 *(21...Rh6!∓* -0.48/20 keeps the upper hand. *)* 22.hxg3+- hxg3+ 23.Kg1 Qb5 ensures some advantage (better structure and minor piece).;
B) 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5! Hoping for ...Ng4. 12.Bb3 Ng8 0.86/19 *(12...Ng4!=* 0.21/22 *13.d4 Qe7)* 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3+- Despite the stalemate resource 14...Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 this continuation is still winning after Qd7 The best defence that I could

come up with is 17.Bxe7 -0.14/18 *(17.Qd2± 1.18/19)* 17...Qxe7= 18.Qd2 0-0-0 next ...f6 is good for Black. 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 but White can win if he's careful, such as with Bg4!]

6...Bc5N

[6...c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.f4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 Qa6 17.Qe1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qc6 19.g4 a5 20.a4 Ng6 21.Qf1 Mortimer,J-Bird,H British CA Congress-02 Masters 1886 (10) 0-1 Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5 Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8 Taowal,P-4.Qxd4 side lines 6.♗c4 ♕e7 1994 (10) 0-1]

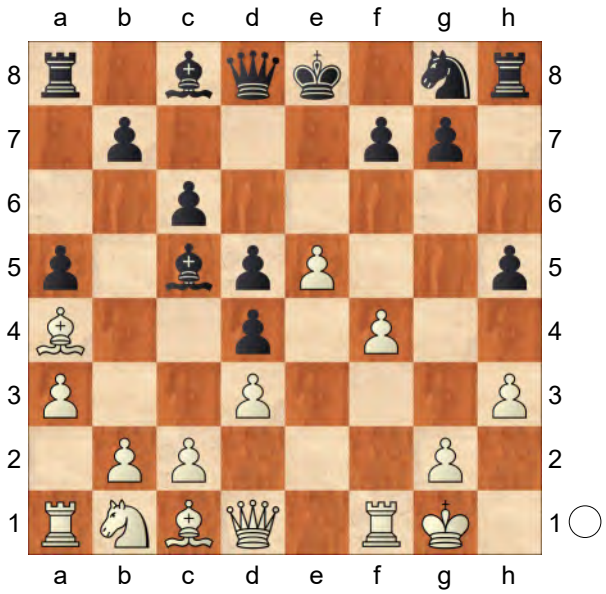
7.Bf4 0.56/19

[7.f4 0.29/21 7.Ba4 1.52 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 0.46/20 *(8...a5= 0.08/22)* 9.h3 -0.33/20 *(9.Nd2± 0.46/20)* 9...a5 0.62/21 On the kingside there doesn't seem to be any cracks in the white defences, so Black's activity is clearly insufficient. *(9...d5∓ -0.33/20)* 10.a3 d5 11.e5 Ng8 0.77/19 *(11...Nd7± 0.36/18* deserves consideration. *)*

(Diagram)

A) 12.b4!± 0.77/19 and life is bright. Ba7 *(12...Bb6 13.f5)* 13.b5;

B) 12.c3? -1.09/20 12...Ne7 -0.55/18 *(12...b5∓ -1.09/20 13.Bc2 Nh6)* 13.cxd4 -0.94/16 *(13.Kh2!∓* -0.55/18 might be stronger. *)*



13...Bxd4+∓ 14.Kh2 Nf5 15.Qf3 -1.18/18 *(15.Nc3∓ -0.51/16)* 15...h4 16.Nc3 Ng3 -0.44/20 Wards off Ne2 *(16...b5∓ -1.15/19 17.Bc2 0-0)* 17.Re1∓ Nf5 18.Qxd5 -1.04/16 *(18.Ne2∓ -0.45/20)* 18...Be6 -0.27/20 *(18...Qxd5∓* -1.04/16 *19.Nxd5 Rb8)* 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Ne4 0-0 21.Ng5 -1.18/22 *(*White should try *21.Bd1∓ -0.44/16)* 21...Rd7]

[7.Nd2± 1.33/23]

7...g5 1.06/21

[Better is 7...c6± 0.56/19]

8.Bd2 White is more active. White is better. **8...c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6** 2.99/17 Loses the game.

[12...f6! 13.Qxd5 Qxd5! 14.Bxd5 Ne7]

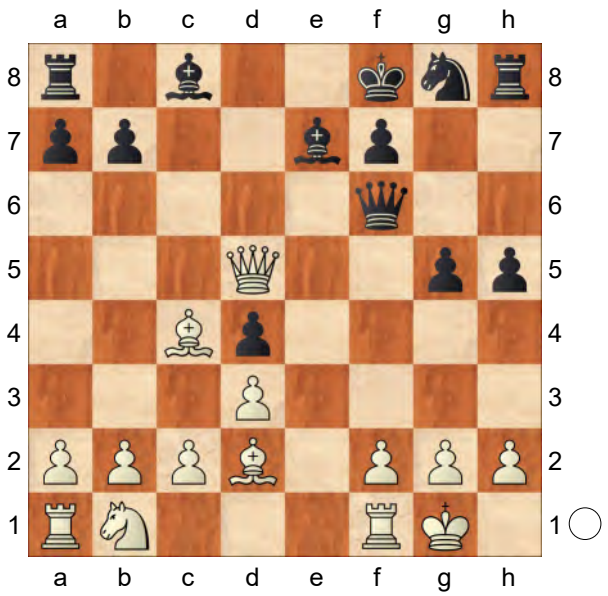
[Black should play 12...f6!± 0.66/18 13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Bxd5 Ne7]

13.Qxd5+-

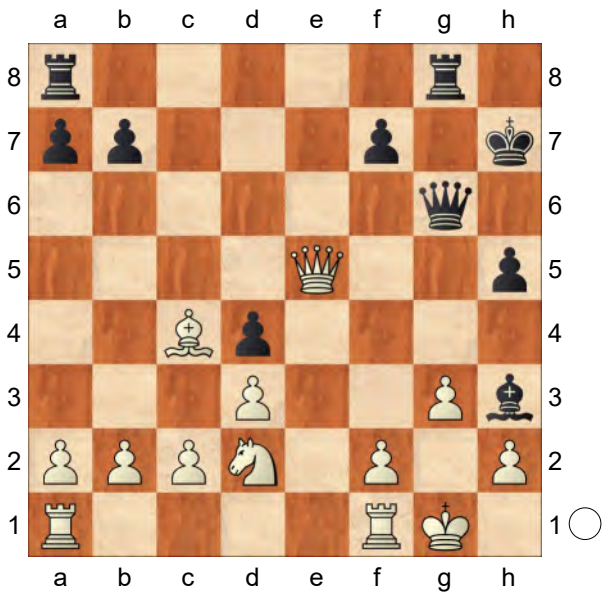
[13.Qxg5 Qxg5 14.Bxg5 dxc4-+]

13...Be7

[13...Qf5 14.Bxg5 Qxd5 Counterplay! 15.Bxd5 Ne7]



14.Bxg5! Deflection **14...Qg6**
[14...Qe6 Strongly threatening ... Qxd5. 15.Qxd4 Bf6 Now, with the extra pawn in his pocket, White's task is to limit any sources of counterplay. 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qc5+ Qe7]
15.Bxe7+ The correct approach: Firstly, because it punishes Black for having neglected to play ...b6, and secondly because there is no other evident way to make progress! Remove Defender. White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 15.Qxd4 Bxg5 16.Nc3 *(16.Qxh8?* loses. *Bf6-+)* 16...Bf6∓]
15...Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Deflection **16...Kg7**
17.Qxe7 A Spanish Exchange comes to mind, because White has the more useful majority, but at the cost of handing the opponent the bishop pair. The threat of Ne7+ followed by Nxf5 needs taking into consideration. **17...Rf8**
18.Qe5+ Kh7 Generally, it suits White to trade a pair of bishops, so this is a sign that Black hasn't found a good plan. **19.Nd2?!** This complicates life.
19...Rg8 20.g3
[20.Qxd4? Qxg2#]
20...Bh3



21.Ne4! Rg7
[21...Bxf1 22.Nf6+ Kh6 23.Nxg8+ Qxg8 24.Kxf1]
[21...Qf5 22.Qxf5+]
22.Nf6+ Kh6 23.Qf4+! Qg5 24.Qxg5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.60.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=1
Black=1
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=2
OK: White=10
Black=4
Best: White=1
Black=1
[24.Qxg5+ Kxg5 The threat of Nd7+ followed by Nxc5 is enough to keep White a pawn up for now, but the rook on e2 is a powerful force, so Black has at least some compensation. 25.Ne4+ Kg6 26.Rfe1]
1-0

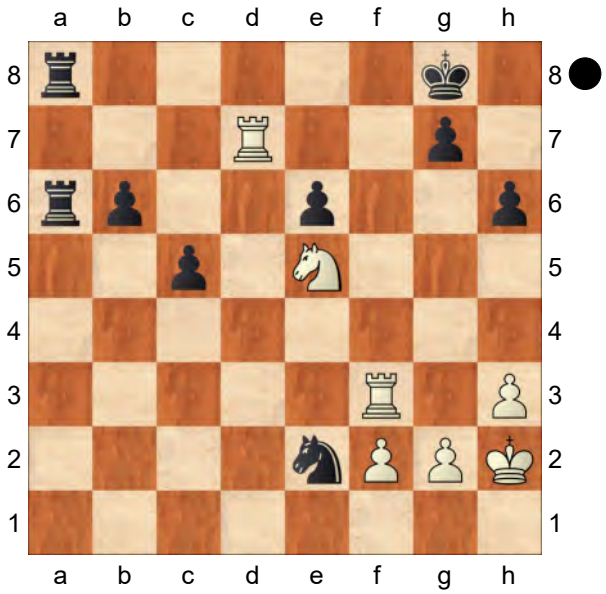
C61

□ **Templier,N** **2435**
■ **Intro Be3** **2658**
54/600 Vrnjacka Banja (7) 02.02.2018
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nd4 5.Bc4N
[5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 *(7.d3 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.h3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qe7 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Nc4 Rfd8 15.Bg5 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Rd6* Spanish Ors-N,N *)* 7...c6
A) 8.Bc4 d6 9.Qb3 *(9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qh5 Qe7 11.Bg5 Nf6 12.Qf3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6* Ruy Lopez Delayed Exchange (2481)-15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2711) Francisco Bailen in Memoriam 2000 *)* 9...Qe7 10.Be3 Nf6 11.dxe5 Nxe4 12.Bxb6 axb6 13.Qxb6 Qxe5 14.Re1 0-0 15.Qe3 Re8 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.g4 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Be4 19.Re3 Qc5 20.Bb3 d5 21.Rae1 Re6 22.Bc2 Bxc2 Perez Candelario,M (2537)-Adams,M (2726) 102/237 Merida 2008 0-1;
B) 8.Ba4 d6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.h3 Re8 12.Bc2 Be6 13.Re1 h6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 d5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd4 Qg5 Spanish - 4.0-0 - 9ors]
5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Nf6 7.d3 d6 8.h3 Be6 9.Bb3 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.Be3 Bb6 11.Nd2 c6** 0.53/19
[11...0-0= 0.00/17]
12.c3 Qe7 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.d4 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.a3 Ra4 18.Qe3 Re8 19.Rad1 exd4 20.cxd4 b4 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Nd5 23.Qb3 Rea8 24.Ne4 b6 Against Nc5
[24...Qxe5? 25.Nc5 Qg5 26.Nxa4+-]
25.Ra1 bxa3
[25...Qxe5 26.Nc5 Qg5 27.h4 *(27.Nxa4 Nf4+-)* 27...Qxh4 28.Nxa4+-]
26.bxa3 Rd4
[26...Qxe5?! 27.Nc5±]
27.Qg3 Qf5 28.Nd6 Qd3
[28...Qe6 is interesting. 29.Rad1 Raa4 30.Qb3 Nf4]
29.Qxd3
[29.e6!? fxe6 30.Qe5∓]
29...Rxd3 30.Rac1 -1.08/15
[30.Rec1= -0.21/15]
30...Ne7 -0.30/16
[30...Raxa3?! 31.Rxc6 Rac3 32.Rxc3 Nxc3 33.Nf5=]
[Black should play 30...c5∓ -1.08/15 31.h4 Raxa3]
31.Rcd1= Rdxa3 32.Nc4 R3a6 33.Rd7 -0.95/21
[33.e6!= -0.29/23 b5 34.exf7+ Kf8 *(34...Kxf7 35.Rd7=)* 35.Ne5]
33...Ng6∓ White must now prevent ... Ra1. **34.e6** -1.34/20
[⌓34.Re3 -0.81/17]
34...fxe6 Hoping for ...b5. **35.Re3 Nf4 36.Ne5 c5 37.Rf3** -2.08/15
[37.Rb3∓ -1.26/13]
37...Ne2+-+ 38.Kh2

(Diagram)

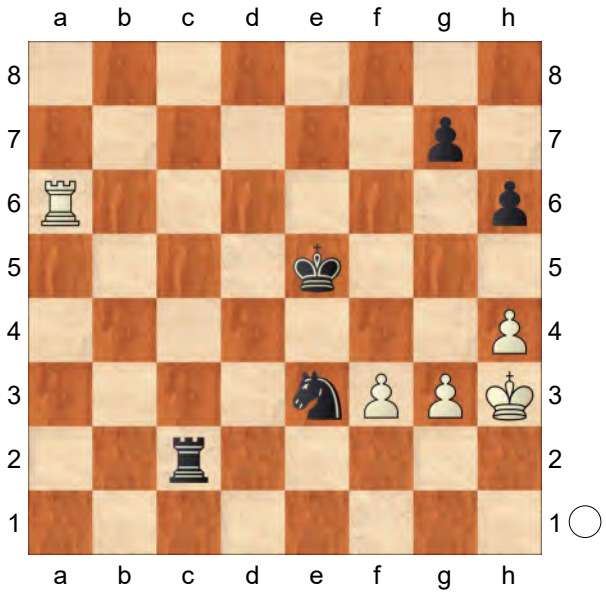
Threatening mate with Rff7. **38...R6a7! 39.Rb3** -3.23/23
[39.Rd6 -2.09/21 is a better defense.]
39...Rxd7 Deflection **40.Nxd7** Endgame. KRN-KRN **40...c4 41.Rxb6 Rc8 42.Rxe6 Nf4 43.Re5 c3** -2.12/17
[⌓43...Nd3 -4.05/23 44.Rd5 c3 *(44...Nxf2? 45.Nc5-+)*]



44.Nc5 c2 45.Nb3 c1Q 46.Nxc1 Rxc1 KRN-KR **47.h4** -2.52/21
[⩲47.Re3 -1.97/18]
47...Rc2 48.Kg3 Ng6
[48...Rxf2 49.Rf5 *(49.Kxf2? Nd3+ 50.Kf3 Nxe5+-+)* 49...Rxg2+ 50.Kxf4∓]
49.Re4 Kf7 50.f3 -3.03/21
[50.Ra4 -2.04/16 was necessary.]
50...Kf6 51.Ra4 Ne7 Strongly threatening ...Nf5+. **52.Kh3 Nd5** aiming for ...h5. **53.Ra6+?** -3.58/23
[53.h5 -1.89/21]
53...Ke5 54.g3 Prevents Nf4+. **54...Ne3**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...Rf2. **55.Rg6** -5.26/26
[⩲55.Ra7 -3.44/22 Kf6 56.Ra3]
55...Kf5 56.Ra6 Rf2 57.Ra7 Kf6 And now ...h5! would win. **58.Ra6+ Ke5 59.Ra5+ Kd4 60.h5 Rxf3 61.Ra7** -6.32/16
[⩲61.Ra4+ -4.15/19 Kd3 62.Ra3+ Kc2 63.Ra4]
61...Nf5 Black is clearly winning. **62.Kg4** -7.14/25



[⩲62.Ra4+ -4.78/13 Ke3 63.Kg4]
62...Rf1
[Weaker is 62...Rxg3+ 63.Kxf5 Kd5 64.Rd7+ Kc4 65.Ke6=]
63.Ra4+ Ke5 (-> ...Ne3+) **64.Ra5+ Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.23 (precise) .
Mistake: White=10
Black=3
Inaccurate: White=6
Black=5
OK: White=14
Black=19
Best: White=2
Black=4
Strong: ---
Black=1
0-1

C61

□ **Shukh,Nikolai** **2435**
■ **Nabaty,Tamir** **2658**
Moscow op-A 14th (7) 02.02.2018
[Ris, Robert, MH]

1.e4 Ris,Robert **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nd4 5.Bc4 Nxf3+**
[5...d6
A) 6.b4!? Bb6 *(6...Bxb4?? 7.c3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3* drops a piece. *)* 7.Nxd4 Bxd4 8.c3 Bb6 9.d4 Qe7?! *(9...Nf6* has to be considered. *)* 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.a4 a6 12.Ba3 Nf6 and now in Kupreichik-Sorokin, Kirovabad 1973, White should have gone for 13.a5! Ba7 14.b5 Bc5 15.bxa6 bxa6 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qa4+ Bd7 18.Qb4± and Black is slightly worse because of the weakness on a6.;
B) 6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.c3 Bb6 8.d4 does transpose to positions which could normally be reached after 5. Nxd4, but now Black can still decide whether to play c6 or not. Nf6 *(8...c6* transposes. *)*
B1) 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 *(10.Bxf6?! Qxf6* is just very comfortable for Black. *)* 10...g5 11.Bg3 *(11.dxe5 gxh4 12.exf6 Rg8! 13.e5 Bh3 14.Bd5* and now in Van Leent-Van der Veen, Hoogeveen 2004, Black could have gone for *Bxg2 15.Bxg2 h3-+)* 11...h5!? 12.f3 *(12.dxe5?* runs into *h4 13.exf6 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qxf6 15.Qf3 Qh6 16.Qxf7+ Kd8* and Black wins. *)* 12...h4 13.Bf2 g4 and Black seizes the initiative.;
B2) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8
B2a) 11.Bxf7? Rf8 12.Bb3 Nxe4 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 *(14.Rd1+ Ke7 15.fxe3 Be6* and Black is better. *)* 14...Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Ke7∓;
B2b) 11.Bg5?! Ke7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4 g5! *(13...Be6 14.Bxe6 Kxe6 15.Bxf6 Kxf6 16.Nc4 Rhd8=* Pap-Kortschnoj, San Sebastian 2011. *)* 14.Bg3 Rd8 15.Nf3 *(15.Rad1 Bg4! 16.Nf3 Nxe4 17.Bxe5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nd2-+* wins material. *)* 15...Nxe4 16.Nxe5 f5 and White is under serious pressure in Williams-Winkel, IECC email 2004.;
B2c) 11.Nd2 Ke7 12.Nf3 Nxe4 13.Nxe5 Be6= Maleki-Khatibi, Rasht 2015.]

6.Qxf3 Nf6
[6...Qf6?! has been the mostly played move and in case queen would get exchanges Black's life would be pretty easy. However, 7.Qg3! is still posing Black quite some problems.
A) 7...Ne7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.d3! *(9.Nd5?! Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d6* and soon a draw was agreed in Bernstein-Nimzowitsch, San Sebastian 1911. *)* 9...h6 10.Na4± with the idea that once the dark-squared bishop is gone, White can push f2-f4.;
B) 7...Qg6? isn't possible, because of 8.Qxe5+;
C) 7...d6 8.Nc3 c6 *(8...Qg6 9.Qxg6 hxg6 10.Nd5! Bb6 11.c3 c6 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.d4* gives White a riskfree edge. *)* 9.Na4!? *(9.d3 Qg6 10.Qxg6 hxg6* with an equal game in Bajarani-

Bernadskiy, Moscow 2014. *)* 9...b5 *(9...Bb6? 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.f4!+-* is already crushing. *)* 10.Nxc5 bxc4 11.Na4↑ is actually quite unpleasant for Black, since White has numerous pawnbreaks to consider.]

7.d3

[7.Qg3 can be answered with 0-0 and now 8.Qxe5? leads to problems for White after d5!

A) 9.Bxd5 Bd6 10.Qc3 *(10.Qg5 Bxh2+!)* 10...c6 11.Bb3 Nxe4↑ gives Black excellent compensation for the pawn.;

B) 9.exd5? Re8 10.Qg3 Ne4 11.Qf3 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Re1+ 13.Bf1 Rxc1-+]

7...d6 8.h3

[8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Be6=]

8...Be6

[8...Rg8!? planning quick ...g7-g5 could be an interesting attempt trying to stir things up, but the choice by Black in the game is a very solid one and offers Black equality.]

9.Bb3 h6 10.Be3 Bb6 11.Nd2 c6 12.c3 Qe7 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.d4 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.a3 Ra4 18.Qe3 Re8 19.Rad1 exd4 20.cxd4 b4 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Nd5! 23.Qb3 Rea8 24.Ne4 -0.41/27

[24.Re4= 0.00/25 is superior.]

24...b6!∓

[24...Qxe5? 25.Nc5 Qg5 26.Nxa4+-]

25.Ra1 bxa3

[25...Qxe5? 26.Nc5+-]

26.bxa3 Rd4 -0.17/23

[26...Qxe5?! 27.Nc5=]

[26...Qg6∓ -0.53/23 27.Qf3 b5]

27.Qg3 Qf5 28.Nd6 Qd3 29.Qxd3

[29.e6!? fxe6 30.Qe5∓]

29...Rxd3 30.Rac1 Ne7

[30...Raxa3 31.Rxc6 Ra8 32.Rc2=]

31.Rcd1 Rdxa3 32.Nc4 R3a6 33.Rd7 -0.67/26

[33.e6!= -0.27/26 fxe6 34.Rxe6]

33...Ng6 34.e6 -1.31/26

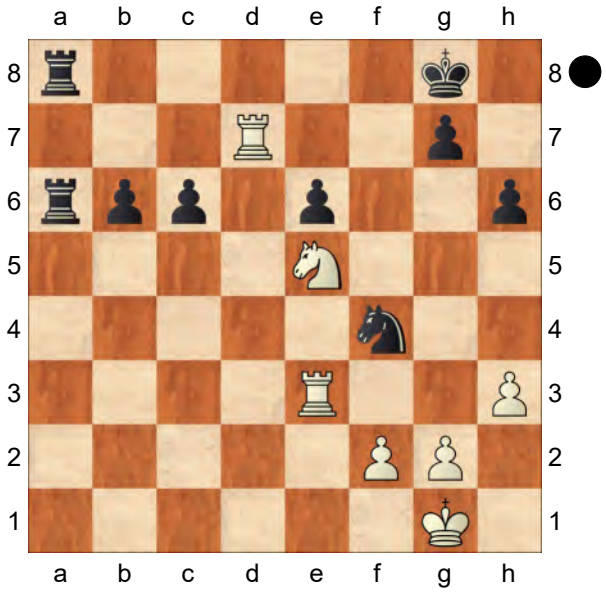
[34.Re3!∓ -0.70/24]

34...fxe6∓ 35.Re3 Nf4 -0.86/21

[⌓35...Kh7! -1.31/24 36.Ne5 Nxe5 37.Rxe5 Re8]

36.Ne5 -1.65/23

[36.Kh2∓ -0.86/21]



36...c5!-+ 37.Rf3 -2.21/25

[37.Rb3∓ -1.58/21]

37...Ne2+-+ 38.Kh2

(Diagram)

R6a7! 39.Rb3 -3.70/25

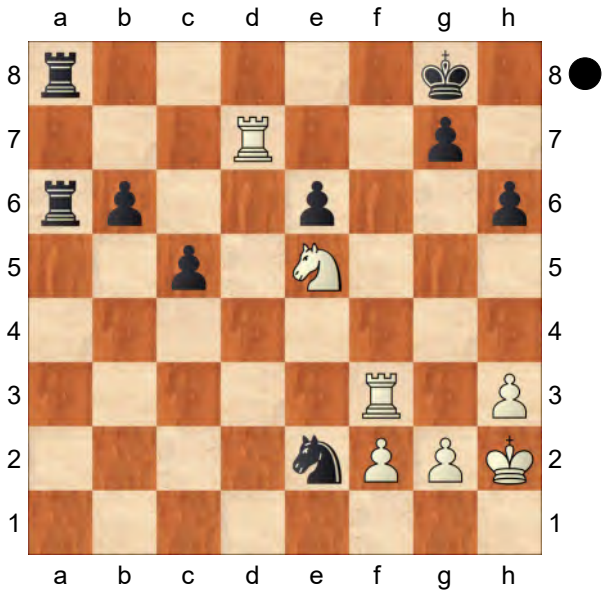
[⌓39.Rd6 -2.34/22 Nd4 40.Rf4]

39...Rxd7-+ 40.Nxd7 c4 41.Rxb6 Rc8 42.Rxe6 Nf4 43.Re5 c3 -2.12/16

[⌓43...Nd3 -4.04/20 44.Re2 c3]

44.Nc5-+ c2 45.Nb3 c1Q 46.Nxc1 Rxc1 47.h4 Rc2 48.Kg3 Ng6

[Don't do 48...Rxf2 49.Rf5 *(49.Kxf2?* too greedy. *Nd3+ 50.Ke3 Nxe5-+)* 49...Rxg2+ 50.Kxf4∓]



49.Re4 Kf7 50.f3 -2.84/20
[⩲50.Rd4 -1.95/11]
50...Kf6 51.Ra4 Ne7 52.Kh3 Nd5 53.Ra6+ -3.31/21
[53.h5 -2.18/18 was worth a try.]
53...Ke5-+ 54.g3 -3.48/22
[⩲54.Ra5 -2.36/17]
54...Ne3 55.Rg6 Kf5 56.Ra6 Rf2 57.Ra7 -5.70/21
[⩲57.Ra5+ -3.88/13 Kf6 58.f4]
57...Kf6 58.Ra6+ Ke5 59.Ra5+ Kd4 60.h5 -6.31/24
[⩲60.Ra7 -4.04/15 Nf1 *(60...Rxf3? 61.Rxg7 Ke4 62.Rg8-+)* 61.Kg4]
60...Rxf3 61.Ra7? -6.59/15
[61.Ra4+ -3.76/14 Ke5 62.Ra3]
61...Nf5 62.Kg4 Rf1
[Weaker is 62...Rxg3+ 63.Kxf5 Kd5 64.Rd7+ Kc6 65.Re7=]
63.Ra4+ Ke5 64.Ra5+ Ke6
0-1

C61

□ **Harikrishna,Pentala**
■ **Dambacher,M**
38: European Cup 2016
[Joshua Doknjas,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4
[Others: a) 3...d6 and 3...a6 4 Ba4 d6 will be analysed in our next game.]
[b) 3...Bb4 4.c3 Ba5 5.Na3! looks like the simplest route to a better position. After Bb6 6.Nc4 d6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.a4! 0-0 9.d3 White was clearly better in A.Gaujens-J.Verenzuela, correspondence 2015.]
[c) 3...Qe7?! 4.0-0 Nd8 5.d4 c6 6.Ba4 d6 7.c4 followed by Nc3 and advancing the queenside pawns is excellent for White.]
[d) 3...a6 4.Ba4 , when Black can try several different sidelines:
A) Note that 4...f5 was already covered in Chapter 9.;
B) 4...Bc5 5.c3 Nge7!? *(5...b5 6.Bb3 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.h3 h6 10.Nc3* and White had a clear edge in L.Castellano-V. Kratochvíl, correspondence 2016 *)* 6.0-0 Ng6 was seen in L. Dominguez Perez-T.Nabaty, Netanya 2019. The game continued *(6...Ba7* prepares to meet *7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4* with *d5* but after *9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Bg5 Qd6* as in V.Kuporosov-M. Rodin, Moscow 2000, White could obtain a clear advantage by playing *12.Nbd2* followed by Nc4 or Ne4 *)* 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5! (forcing Black to slightly weaken his kingside) f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Re1 d6 11.Nbd2

Kh8 and White could play 12.Bc2 here, with an edge.;

C) 4...b5 5.Bb3 and Black can play:

C1) 5...Nf6 6.0-0 transposes to lines we looked at in Chapter 7.;

C2) 5...Bb7 6.0-0 Nf6 also transposes to Chapter 7 (3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Bb7).;

C3) 5...Na5 6.0-0 leads to another split:

C3a) 6...Nxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.d4 transposes to 6...Nxb3 7 axb3 d6 8 d4 above f6 *(8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Nc3 g6 11.b4! Bg7 12.Nb3* and Na5 gave White an excellent position in D. Morozov-J.Schmidt, correspondence 2013 *)* 9.Nc3 *(*starting with *9.c4* first could also be tried *)* 9...Bb7 10.Qd3 *(10.Nh4!?* has also been a very popular choice, freeing the f3-square for the queen and preparing to play f4 *)* 10...Ne7 11.Rd1 Ng6 12.Be3 was better for White in T. Glørstad-T.Torgersen, correspondence 2018, because of his more active development. After Qd7 , White continued energetically with 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.h4! Be7 15.h5 and Black's position quickly became unpleasant.;

C3b) 6...d6 7.d4 exd4 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3* transposes to 6...Nxb3 7 axb3 d6 8 d4 above *)* 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2! fights for control of the important a5-square. Black has two options: *(9.c4!? c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ng3* is a good alternative *)*

C3b1) 9...c5 10.Bd5! and White obtains a better position in the endgame arising after Bxd5 11.exd5 cxd4 12.Qe1+ Qe7 13.Bxa5 Qxe1 14.Rxe1+ .

C3b11) For example, 14...Kd7 15.Rd1 Be7 *(*or *15...Rc8 16.a4)* 16.Bb6 is much better for White.;

C3b12) 14...Ne7 and White is able to exploit some of the weaknesses on Black's queenside; play may continue 15.c4! dxc3 16.Nxc3 Kd7 17.a4 and Black's defence will be quite difficult.;

C3b2) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 *(10...Nf6 11.Na5 Qc8 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bf6 16.c3* gave White a comfortable edge in F. McDermott-C.Kuitert, correspondence 2018 *)* 11.a4! allows White to put pressure on the a-file. Following *(*Black prepared to meet *11.Na5?!* with *Ba8)* 11...bxa4 12.Rxa4 Nf6 13.Nc3 Be7 14.Nd4 , White will likely play Nf5 next, with the better chances;

C4) 5...g6 6.a4 b4 7.d4 *(7.c3 Bg7 8.d4* is another plan, which also gives White good chances

for an edge *)* 7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Na5 *(8...Bb7?! 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Qd4 Qf6 11.e5* would be clearly better for White *)* 9.Bd5! c6 *(9...Rb8?! 10.Nf3* sees White threatening to play Bxf7 followed by Qd5 and Qxa5; this is the main reason Black should play 9...c6 immediately: to cover the d5-square *)* 10.Ba2 Bg7 11.0-0 Ne7 12.c3 gives Black two main options to defend the b4-pawn:

C4a) 12...c5 13.Nb3! Nb7 14.cxb4 cxb4 15.Be3 Bxb2 *(15...Nc6 16.N1d2 d6 17.Nc4* gave White a significant advantage in N. Petrov-Z.Tomazini, Zadar 2018 *)* 16.Bd4! Bxa1 *(16...Bxd4 17.Qxd4 0-0 18.Qxb4* is better for White, mainly because of his space advantage and Black's passively placed pieces *)* 17.Nxa1 gives White overwhelming compensation for the exchange. Some sample lines are: Rf8 *(17...0-0* is well met by *18.Qf3 Nc6 19.Bf6 Qa5 20.Bd5!)* 18.Nc2 Nc6 19.Bg7 Rg8 20.Bb2 followed by Nd2 and Black is in serious trouble.;

C4b) 12...Rb8 13.cxb4! *(13.Bf4 d6 14.Nb3* was A.Shirov-N.Petrov, St. Petersburg (rapid) 2018, but this isn't the most challenging option for Black to face *)* 13...Rxb4 14.Nc2 sacrifices the e4-pawn, but White gets quick development and Black's rook becomes very misplaced. For example, Rxe4 15.Nd2 Rf4 *(15...Re6* is probably best, but after *16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Rb1* , White will play b4 and Bb2 next with a much better position *)* 16.Nf3 Rf6 17.Bg5 with an excellent position for White.]

[e) 3...Bc5 4.c3 gives Black a wide variety of options:

A) 4...f5!? 5.d4! and now:

A1) 5...exd4 6.e5! sacrifices a pawn, but puts Black in serious trouble, as the f6-square is taken away from Black's knight. One sample line is dxc3 7.Nxc3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Na4 *(9.Nd5* is also very strong *)* 9...Bb6 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Re1 and White had tremendous compensation in A.Kovalev-J. Meister, Bela Crkva 1990, because it is extremely difficult for Black to develop his pieces.;

A2) 5...fxe4 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Bd6 *(7...Qd5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f4* was clearly better for White in D.Solak-S.Drazic, Kragujevac 2010 *)* 8.Qh5+! is an important move for White to play, forcing Black to play ...g6, which opens up opportunities for a kingside attack (likely with Bh6) in the future. Play may continue g6 9.Qe2 Bf5 10.Bf4 Nf6 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.0-0 0-0-0! *(12...0-0?! 13.Rae1* gives Black serious problems as White is ready to play Bh6 and/or f3 *)* 13.h3 *(13.Rae1 c5 14.Ndc4 Rhe8 15.Nxd6+ Rxd6 16.Nc4* was better for White in V.

Kharlamov-D.Nightingale, correspondence 2015 *)* 13...Rhg8 *(13...h5* was tried in N.Mamedov-D.Tokranovs, Albena 2017, and *14.Rae1 c5 15.Ndc4* gives White the better chances *)* 14.Bh2 h5 15.Ndc4 Nd5 16.f3 was great for White in V.Anand-E. L'Ami, Germany 2017.;

B) 4...Bb6 5.d4 exd4 *(5...Nf6* transposes to 4...Nf6 5 d4 Bb6 below *)* 6.cxd4 Nce7 is a fairly passive set-up, and White is much better after 7.0-0 c6 8.Bd3 d5 9.e5 .;

C) 4...Nge7 5.0-0 Bb6 contains some similarities to the line we saw after 3...a6 4 Ba4 Bc5 5 c3 Nge7, but here White's position is even better because Black hasn't included ...a6 Ba4. 6.d4 exd4 *(6...Ng6 7.Bg5 f6 8.Be3* is also much better for White *)* 7.cxd4 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1+ Be6 10.Bg5 Qd6 11.Nbd2 and Black's position is very dangerous.;

D) 4...Nf6 5.d4 . Black has two options:

D1) 5...Bb6 should be met by transposes to 4...Nf6 5 d4 Bb6 below 6.Nxe5! , which is by far the most critical choice. After Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nxe4 8.Qg4! Bxf2+ might look slightly dangerous for White at first sight, but Black's poor development gives White a nearly winning position. Play may continue 9.Ke2 Qh4 10.Qxg7 Rf8 11.Bh6 Bc5 12.Nd2 Qf2+ *(*or *12...a6 13.g3 Qh3 14.Nxe4 Qg2+ 15.Kd3 Qf3+ 16.Kd2 Qxe4 17.Rhe1* and White was completely winning in K.Piorun-V.Neverov, Skopje 2019 *)* 13.Kd1 Nxd2 14.Bxd2 c6 15.Rf1 Qh4 16.Bd3 d5 17.Rf4 and Black was in serious trouble in A. Razumikhin-D.Hoch, correspondence 2015, as White is well-prepared to create problems for Black on the kingside.;

D2) 5...exd4 6.e5 and now:

D2a) 6...Ne4 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Be3 is actually just an extra tempo for White over a theoretical variation in the Italian (3 Bc4 Bc5 4 c3 Nf6 5 d4 exd4 6 e5). After 0-0 10.Nc3 Bg4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.Ne2 , White had a clear edge in P.Schmid-F.Süess, correspondence 2017. *(14.--)*;

D2b) 6...Nd5 7.0-0 Be7 8.cxd4 d6 9.exd6 cxd6 *(9...Qxd6* is an uncomfortable square for Black's queen; one sample line is *10.Nc3 0-0 11.Re1 Be6 12.Ne4 Qd8 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne5* and White has a much better position *)* 10.Qb3! a6 *(10...Nc7* is strongly met by *11.d5 Nxb5 12.Qxb5 a6 13.Qe2)* 11.Qxd5 axb5 12.Qxb5 was an extra pawn for White in R.Hameister-P. Tõnisson, correspondence 2012, although Black's bishop pair may give him some drawing chances.]

4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0

[5.Bc4 is another popular line, but

the play becomes more concrete after Nf6 6.0-0 *(6.d3 d5!* is fine for Black *)* 6...Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 , and Black is only slightly worse here.]

5...Bc5

[Or: a) 5...c6 6.Bc4 , when Black can play:

A) 6...d5 sees Black willing to accept a poor pawn structure in return for some control over the centre. However, White is much better after 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.c4! . Play may continue a6 *(10...Bxb5 11.cxb5 Qd7 12.Qa4 a6 13.Qxd4 axb5 14.Nc3* gave White a clear edge in L.Cernousek-J.Jirka, Czechia 2011 *)* 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.b4! and White won quickly in G. Kasparov-A.Khalifman, Moscow (rapid) 2002.;

B) 6...Nf6 7.Re1 looks like a good choice, simply preventing Black from playing ...d5. After d6 *(7...Bc5 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxd5 cxd5 10.d3* is clearly better for White because of Black's poor pawn structure *)* 8.c3 Ng4 prepares to move the knight to the more active g4-square. In Y.Kryvoruchko-A. Llorente Zaro, Cappelle-la-Grande 2008, White met this plan accurately: 9.h3 Ne5 10.d3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Be7 13.Bf4 and the weakness on d6 gave Black major problems.]

[b) 5...g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Qf3! forces Black to place his queen awkwardly to defend the f7-pawn. For example, Qe7 *(* or *7...Qf6 8.Qg3 d6 9.d3* is much better for White *)* 8.d3 d6 9.c3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 and White had a clear edge in M.Jarabinsky-F.Müssig, correspondence 2014.]

6.Bc4! QUESTION: What is the purpose of 6 Bc4 - ? Can't White just start with 6 d3 - ?

[ANSWER: 6.d3 is the most popular move, and it's not bad, but c6 7.Bc4 d5! leads to a fairly solid position for Black. 6 Bc4 avoids this possibility because if Black tries to play 6...c6, White will be able to play 7 Bxf7! Kxf7 8 Qh5 with a winning position.]

6...d6

[As mentioned above, 6...c6?? runs into 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qxc5 .]

[Instead: a) 6...h5?! takes control of the g4-square, but is an extremely risky choice so early in the game. After 7.d3 c6 8.Re1 Ne7 9.Qf3 , Black is in trouble, because White prevented Black from gaining active play with ...d5.]

[b) 6...Qh4!? 7.d3 *(7.Qf3!?* also deserves attention; for example, *Qf6 8.Qh5 d6 9.d3* and White has ideas of playing f4 *)* 7...Ne7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.h3! is a good idea, preventing any ideas Black may have with ...d5 followed by ...Bg4; *(9.c3?! d5! 10.exd5 Bg4 11.Nf3 Qh5* was fine for Black in E.Sutovsky-R. Rapport, Ashdod (rapid) 2015 *)* . After 9...d6 10.Nf3 Qh5 11.Bf4 , White will play c3 next, with a comfortable edge.]

[6...Ne7 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5++-]

7.d3 Ne7 EXERCISE: How should White begin to create play on the kingside?

[Others: a) 7...c6 gives White a couple of good options: A good alternative is
A) 8.Qh5 0.29/20 8.a4 0.68 Qe7 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Qh4 h6 11.f4! 0-0 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.f5! was a much more pleasant endgame for White in S.Borodin-M. Shchebenyuk, correspondence 2016. *(14.--* -0.41/20 14.f5 0.34 *)*;
B) 8.Re1 Ne7 *(8...Nf6* can be met by *9.e5! dxe5 10.Rxe5+ Be7 11.Qe1!* and the pressure on the e-file is difficult for Black to deal with *)* 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Qh5 d5 Hoping for ...g6. 11.Bb3 and White had a better position in V.Matijosius-R.Stapinski, correspondence 2019.]
[b) 7...Nf6?! 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3
A) 10...Ng4 11.h3 Inhibits h5. Ne5 12.Bb3 Be6 1.34/17 *(12...Ng6!±* 0.61/16 *)* 13.Qh5 gave White excellent play in B.Gelfand-V. Kupreichik, Sverdlovsk 1987;
B) Black should try 10...Ng4 0.95/19;
C) 10...Qe7 1.33/16 11.e5**±** dxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.Re1 was much better for White in M.Vachier Lagrave-R.Kula, Warsaw (rapid) 2010.]

8.Qh5! ANSWER: Forcing Black to castle kingside, where White will be able to create a lot of play. This move also makes it more difficult for Black to play ...d5, and without this pawn push, Black will lack active play.
[White could also play 8.Bg5 and Qh5 next, which should transpose to the game.]
[8.f4!? also deserves attention, but it isn't as strong as 8 Qh5 because Black has counterplay ideas with ...d5. For example, 0-0 *(8...d5!)* 9.f5 Threatens to win with Bg5. d5 10.Bb3 f6 would now be deadly. f6 leads to complicated play, though White should still be much better here.]

8...0-0 9.Bg5! Actively developing the bishop and again making it even more difficult for Black to play ...d5. www.rules-chess-strategies.com: 'Quiet moves that imobilize Black pieces and "take" Black's ideas.'. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **9...Be6** 1.23/21 www.rules-chess-strategies.com: 'Diagram #'
[9...h6 10.Nd2! *(*there is nothing wrong with the natural *10.Bh4* followed by Nd2 and f4; but 10 Nd2 basically allows White to save a tempo *)* 10...Be6 may be Black's best option *(10...hxg5?* 3.12/17 10...Be6 0.54 runs into *11.Nf3!* followed by Nxg5 and Black is lost *)* , but 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.g3 is clearly better for White because he is ready to expand on the kingside with f4. Meanwhile, Black's bishop on c5 is completely out of play.]
[Better is 9...h6**±** 0.49/19 10.Bh4 c6]

10.Qh4± www.rules-chess-strategies.com: '!'. White is better.
[10.Nd2? 0.30/20 10.Qh4 1.26 allows Black to get counterplay after Bxc4 11.Nxc4 -0.06/16 *(11.Bxe7±* 0.31/19 *Qxe7 12.Nxc4)* 11...f6= 12.Bh4 , and in M.Neulinger-P.Haba, Oberwart 1992, d5 would give Black equal chances.]
[10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.f4 is similar to our main game, but with 10 Qh4, White

forces Black's rook to the passive e8-square first.]

10...Re8

[10...Bxc4? 4.01/15 10...Re8 0.94 11.Bxe7 Qd7 12.dxc4+-]

11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.f4

[12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qxe7 Rxe7 15.f4 a5 16.Rf2 a4 17.Nf1 Rf8 18.Ng3 d5 19.Raf1 Ref7 20.exd5 exd5 21.f5 Bd6 22.Ne2 g6 23.Nxd4 Bc5 24.c3 Bxd4 25.cxd4 Rxf5 26.Rxf5 Falke,H (2515)-3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 (2575) URS-ch sf Sochi 1952 ½-½]

12...Qd7 13.Nd2N

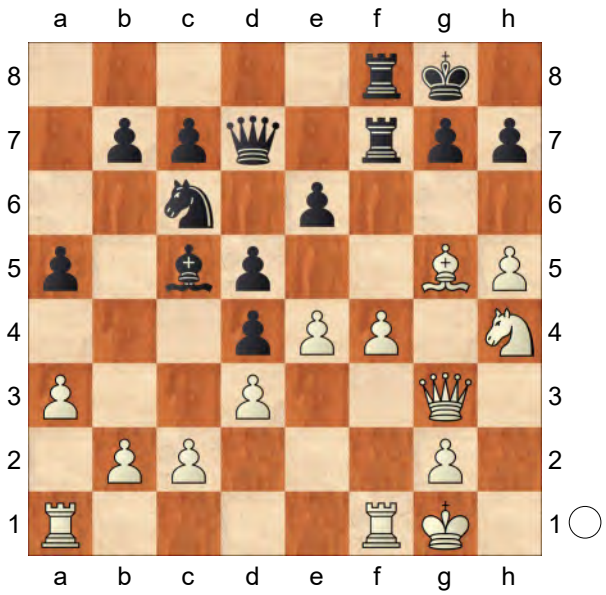
[13.Rf3 was tried in T.Burg-M. Dambacher, Skopje 2015, but it seems more effective to start by bringing the knight into the attack. Ng6 14.Qh5 Nf8 15.Nd2 a6 16.Raf1 d5 17.Rg3 Be7 18.Bh6 g6 19.f5 exf5 20.exf5 Bd6 21.Rg5 Kh8 22.fxg6 Nxg6 23.Rxg6 hxg6 24.Qxg6 Re6 25.Bg7+ Qxg7 26.Qxe6 Qg5 27.Qh3+ Kg8 28.Nf3 Czub,T-Begun,S 103/231 Budapest 2008 Qe3+ 29.Kh1 Rf8 30.Qg4+ Kh7 31.Qh5+ Qh6 32.Ng5+ Kg8 33.Rxf8+ Bxf8 34.Qxh6 Bxh6 35.Ne6 Brenke,A-John,H corr 76/153 1999]

13...Ng6 14.Qg4 Rf8 EXERCISE: How can White continue his kingside attack? --- ANSWER: **15.h4! Rf7 16.h5 Ne7 17.Nf3** Because Black's knight has been pushed away, White is able to use the h4-square for his knight. On h4, White's knight assists in playing f5 and makes it much more difficult for Black to defend his kingside. **17...Raf8 18.Nh4** Bxe7 is the strong threat. **18...Nc6 19.a3 a5**

[Don't go for 19...h6? 20.Bxh6 d5 21.Rae1+-]

20.Qg3 d5

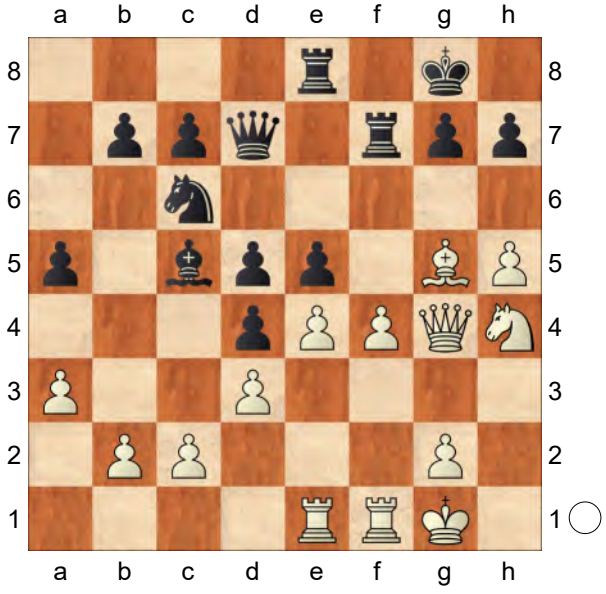
[20...h6? 21.Bxh6 e5 22.Bg5+- *(22.f5 b5+-)*]



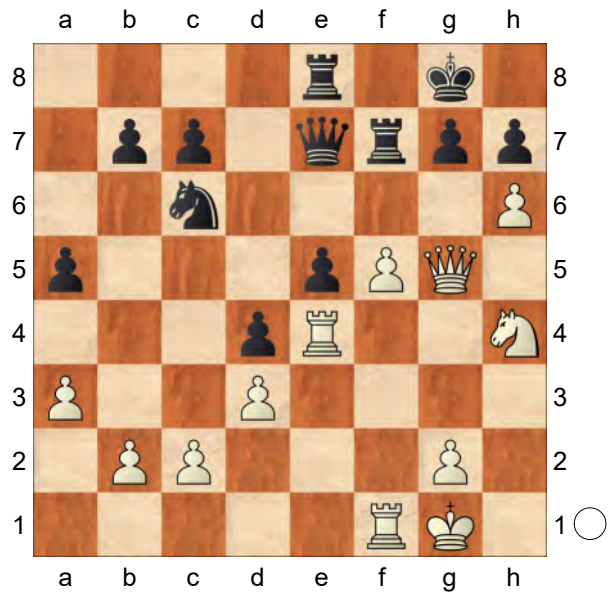
21.Rae1 Re8

[Not 21...h6? 22.Bxh6 dxe4 23.Rxe4]

22.Qg4 e5



Otherwise, White would play exd5 or maybe even Ng6. **23.f5! dxe4 24.Rxe4 Be7 25.h6! Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Qe7** (Diagram)



27.f6! www.rules-chess-strategies.com: '!' **27...Rxf6 28.Nf5 Qd7** 4.14/22
[28...Rxf5 29.Qxf5 gxh6? 5.17/22 *(29...g6* 3.00/14 *30.Qh3 Nd8)* 30.Rh4 Kh8 31.Rxh6 Qg7 32.Rf6 Nd8 7.62/19 *(⌓32...Rg8* 4.69/18 *33.Rf2 e4 34.Qxe4 Qg5)* 33.Rf8++- Rxf8 34.Qxf8+ Qxf8 35.Rxf8++-]
[28...Qf7 2.42/18 was worth a try.]
29.hxg7+- Rg6 30.Qh5
[30.Nh6+? 0.26/19 30.Qh5 4.01 Kxg7 31.Rf7+ -0.51/16 *(31.Nf5*+= 0.25/17 *Kh8 32.Qh5)* 31...Qxf7!∓]
30...Ree6 6.03/24
[⌓30...Re7 4.21/20 31.Rf3 *(31.Nxe7+ Qxe7 32.Rg4 Kxg7+-)* 31...Rexg7 32.Nh6+ Rxh6 33.Qxh6 Qc8]
31.Rh4 Intending Ne7+! and mate.
31...h6 32.Rg4 Rxg4 33.Qxg4 Nxh6+! would kill now. **33...Qe8 34.Nh4** . In this game we examined several rare options that Black can play, and White has excellent chances to obtain a clear opening edge against all of them. Our main game covered the 3...Nd4 sideline, where Black often aims for counterplay with ...c6 followed by ...d5. We saw how White is able to make it very difficult for Black to achieve this, with moves such as 6 Bc4! and 8 Qh5! White accurately restricted his opponent's play and quickly developed a crushing kingside attack, by using all of his pieces in the attack. Inhibits Rg6. White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.37.
Mistake: --- Black=3
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1
OK: White=13 Black=9
Best: White=1 ---
Strong: White=1 ---
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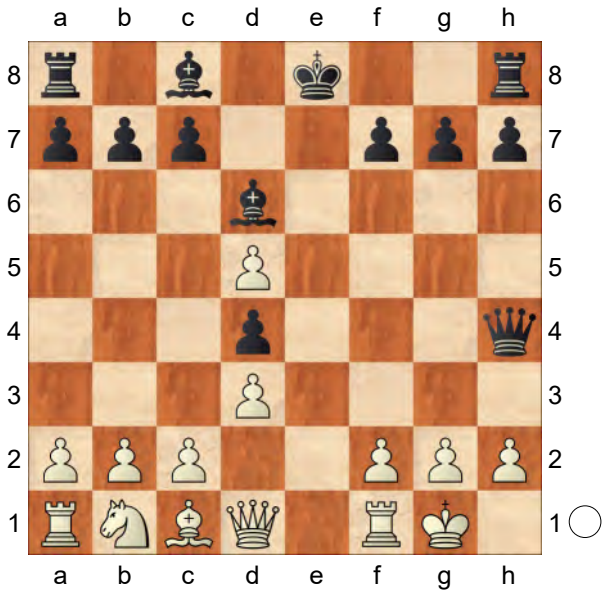
□ **Chatto,James Thomas C** **2660**
■ **Jack,I B** **2709**
USSR 41/(466) (6.5) 25.04.2015
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Qh4 1.05/23
[5...Nf6± 0.46/24]
6.d3± Nf6 7.0-0 d5 8.Bxd5
White is better. **8...Nxd5 9.exd5**
Black must now prevent Re1+. **9...Bd6**

(Diagram)

10.g3 Qh3 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Re4
Against Bg4 **12...h5 13.Bf4**
[13.Rxd4? h4 14.Qf1 hxg3 15.Qxh3 gxf2+ *(15...gxh2+ 16.Qxh2 Bxh2+ 17.Kg2=)* 16.Kxf2 Rxh3-+ *(16...Bxh3 17.Be3∓)*]
13...h4 14.Qf3 0.20/27



[14.Rxd4 hxg3 15.Bxd6+ cxd6 16.Rf4 g2 *(16...Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 g2+ 18.Ke2 Qxf4 19.f3 Bg4 20.Nd2 Re8+ 21.Kf2 g1Q+ 22.Qxg1 Rh2+* Skewer *23.Kf1 Bh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxd2* Pin *25.Kg1 Qxg2#; 16...Qxh2+* is a self mate. *17.Kf1 g2+ 18.Ke2 Qxf4 19.f3 Bg4 20.Nd2 Re8+ 21.Kf2 g1B+ 22.Qxg1 Rh2+* Skewer *23.Kf1 Bh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxd2* Pin *25.Kg1 Qxg2#)*]

[14.g4+- 1.70/22]

14...Bxf4 15.Rxf4 hxg3 16.Qxg3 Qh5 17.Nd2 Re1 would now be deadly.

17...Rh6!

(Diagram)

And now ...Rg6 would win. **18.Kh1!** Strongly threatening Rg1.

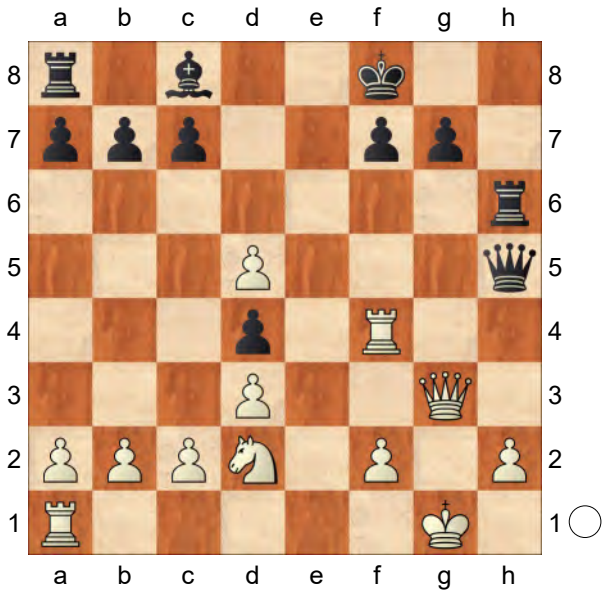
[18.Rxd4? too greedy. Rg6 19.Re1 Bh3-+ *(19...Rxg3+? 20.hxg3 Bg4 21.Kg2-+)*]

18...Qxd5+ 19.f3 The position is equal.

19...Rh3 20.Qf2

[20.Qg6 with more complications. Be6 21.Rg1 Qe5 22.Qe4]

20...c5 21.Rg1 Repels Qg5 **21...Qe5**



22.Rh4 Threatens to win with Rxh3.

22...Qe3 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.Rxh3 Bxh3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Nc4 Re8** ...b5 is the strong threat. **26.Re1 e2 27.Kg1 Re6!**

[27...b5 28.Nd6 Rb8 29.Rxe2±]

28.Kf2 Bf1 29.Ne3 Rh6 30.Kg1 Rg6+ 31.Kf2 Rh6 32.Kg1 Rg6+ 33.Kf2 Rh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless) .

Mistake:	White=1	---
Inaccurate:	White=1	---
OK:	White=15	
	Black=13	
Best:	White=4	
	Black=2	
Strong:	White=1	
	Black=2	

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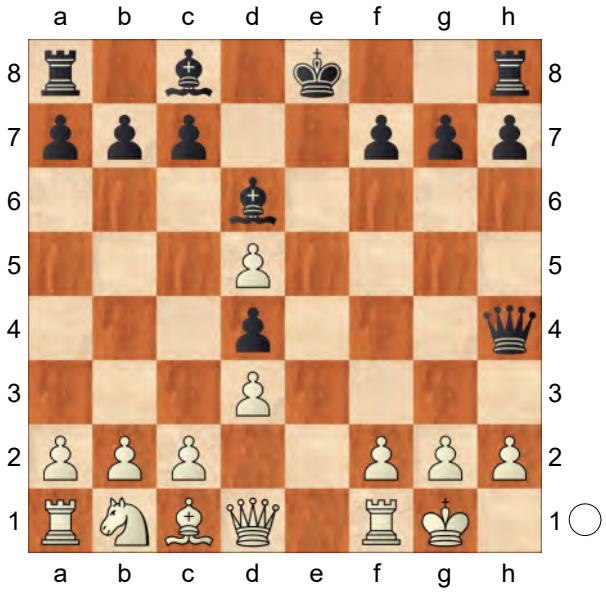
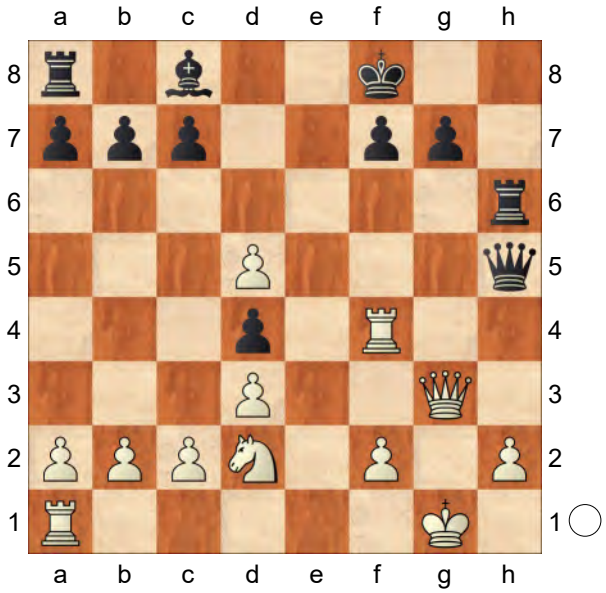
□ **Akopian,Vladimir Eduardovic 2660**
■ **Rapport,Richard 2709**
10th World Teams 2015 (6.5) 25.04.2015
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Qh4 0.94/24
[5...Nf6± 0.51/23 deserves consideration.]
6.d3± Nf6 7.0-0 d5 8.Bxd5 White is better. **8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Bd6**



10.g3 Qh3 1.58/13
[⩲10...Qg4 0.82/15]
11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Re4 Dodges Bg4
12...h5 13.Bf4!
[13.Rxd4? h4 14.Qf1 hxg3 15.Qxh3 gxf2+ *(15...gxh2+ 16.Qxh2 Bxh2+ 17.Kg2∓)* 16.Kxf2 Rxh3-+ *(16...Bxh3? 17.Be3-+)*]
13...h4 14.Qf3 0.19/27
[14.Rxd4 is a self mate. hxg3 15.Bxd6+ cxd6 16.Rf4 Bg4 *(16...Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 g2+ 18.Ke2 Qxf4 19.f3 Bg4 20.Nd2 Re8+ 21.Kf2 g1Q+ 22.Qxg1 Rh2+* Skewer *23.Kf1 Bh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxd2* Pin *25.Kg1 Qxg2#)* 17.fxg3 Qxh2+ *(17...Bxd1 18.Kf2 Qxh2+ 19.Ke3 Qe2+ 20.Kd4 Bxc2 21.Rf3 Qxf3 22.Kc4 Qxd3+ 23.Kb4 a5#)* 18.Kf1 Re8 *(18...Bxd1 19.Nc3 Qh1+ 20.Kf2 Rh2+* Skewer *21.Ke3 Qg1+ 22.Ke4 Re8+ 23.Kf5 Rh5#)* 19.Re4 Rxe4 *(19...Bxd1 20.Rxe8+ Kxe8 21.Nc3 Qh1+ 22.Kf2 Qf3+ 23.Ke1 Qg2 24.Kxd1 Rh1#)* 20.dxe4 Qxg3 *(20...Bxd1 21.Nd2 Qxd2 22.Kg1 Bf3 23.Kf1 Rh1#; 20...Bxd1 21.Nd2 Qxd2 22.Kg1 Bf3 23.Kf1 Rh1#)*]
[14.g4+- 1.67/24]
14...Bxf4= 15.Rxf4 hxg3 16.Qxg3 And now Nd2 would win. **16...Qh5**
17.Nd2 Rh6!



aiming for ...Rg6. **18.Kh1!** Hoping for Rg1.
[18.Rxd4? is the wrong capture. Rg6 19.Rf4 Bd7-+ *(19...Rxg3+? 20.hxg3 Qxd5 21.c3-+)*]
18...Qxd5+ 19.f3 -0.03/24
[19.Nf3!± 0.38/23]
19...Rh3 The position is equal. **20.Qf2**
[20.Qg6 with more complications. Be6 21.Rg1 Qe5 22.Qe4]
20...c5 21.Rg1 Inhibits Qg5. **21...Qe5**
22.Rh4 Black must now prevent Rxh3.

22...Qe3 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.Rxh3 Bxh3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Nc4 Re8** Threatens to win with ...b5. **26.Re1 e2 27.Kg1 Re6!**
[Much weaker is 27...b5 28.Nd6 Rb8 29.Rxe2±]
28.Kf2 Bf1 29.Ne3 Rh6 30.Kg1 Rg6+ 31.Kf2 Rh6 32.Kg1 Rg6+ 33.Kf2 Rh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless) .

Mistake:	White=2	Black=1
Inaccurate:	---	Black=1
OK:	White=15	Black=15
Best:	White=3	Black=2
Strong:	White=1	Black=2

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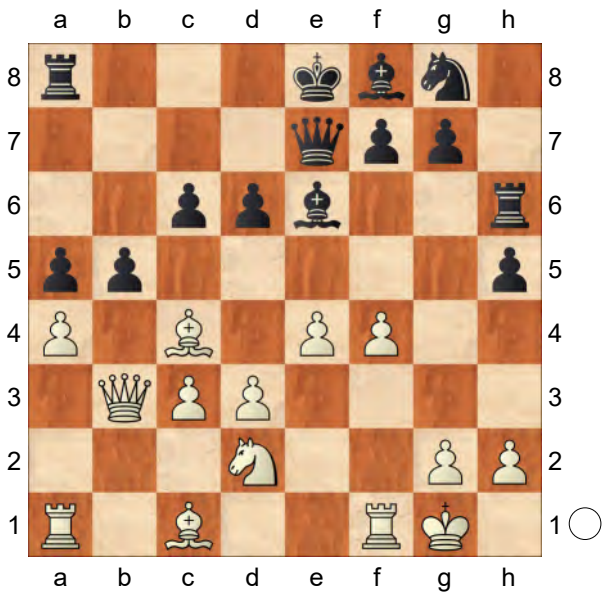
		C61
☐	**Movsesian,Sergei**	**2665**
■	**Prieto,Alberto**	**2045**

Reykjavik op (1) 10.03.2015
[Sagar,Shah, MH]

This game is a perfect example of what you must not do in the opening. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4** Well, logically it's not such a great idea to move your piece twice in the opening. But this is a well established theoretical move played by Carlsen as well so we will let it pass. **4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4** Moving the piece again but the bishop is well placed here and with no knight on c6 it was anyway not doing anything on b5. **5...h5** 1.12/24 Do not move rook pawns in the opening! I tried to think what really can be the idea of this move. And I am really having difficulties understanding. Is it Rh6?
[5...Nf6 is the common move.]
[5...Nf6± 0.42/23]
6.d3± Well if it was Rh6, it has been stopped! **6...c6 7.0-0 a5?** Another rook pawn move. This time the idea is to trap the bishop with b5 and a4 but developing some pieces would be more advisable. **8.a4** White is clearly better. **8...d6 9.c3!→** White has strong attack. White is more active. Movsesian knows that when ahead in development, one must open the position. **9...dxc3 10.Qb3 Qe7** The queen positions itself in such a way that it is difficult for other pieces to develop but how else to defend the f7 pawn?
[10...d5? 11.exd5 Bd6 12.Nxc3 *(12.Qxc3 Nf6±)*]
11.bxc3
[11.Qxc3 Nh6 12.Nd2 Qf6±]
[11.Nxc3 g6±]
11...Be6 2.63/22
[⌓11...h4 1.76/21 12.Nd2 Nh6]
12.Nd2+- Rh6 Black finally makes use of the move h5 but with the two minors sleeping on f8 and g8, this does not inspire confidence! **13.f4** Threatens to win with Bxe6. **13...b5?** 2.49/22 Giving up a pawn but Black's position is already too dangerous.
[13...d5 1.90/20 is a better defense.]

(Diagram)

14.Bxe6!
[14.axb5 d5±]
14...Qxe6 15.axb5 Nc4 would now be deadly. **15...Qxb3 16.Nxb3 a4** 3.67/23
[⌓16...cxb5 2.60/21 17.f5 *(17.Rxa5 Rxa5 18.Nxa5 f5±; 17.Nxa5 d5=)*



17...Rh8]
17.f5 d5 Black self destructs and gives up the rook on h6. **18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.bxc6 dxe4 20.f6 exd3 21.Nd4**
[Don't do 21.Rf3 Kd8 22.Rxd3+ Kc7 23.Rd7+ Kxc6 24.Rxf7 a3 25.Nd4+ Kd5 26.Rd7+ Kc4 27.Rc7+ Kd5]
21...Kd8 4.95/21
[⌓21...d2 3.49/21 22.Kf2 Nxf6]
22.Rf5 White is clearly winning. **22...Kc7 23.Kf2**
[Not 23.Rxh5 Nxf6 24.Rf5 Be7+-]
23...a3 24.Ke3
[Less strong is 24.Rxh5 Re8 25.Rf5 d2+-]
24...Rb8 25.Kxd3 Rb2 26.Nb5+ Kxc6 27.Nxa3 Rxg2 28.Nc4 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.45.
Mistake: ---
Black=4
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=10
Black=6
Strong: White=1 ---
The past masters weren't crazy when they said that centre control and development are the most important part of opening play. Look at the knight on g8 and bishop on f8!
1-0

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□ **Saric,Ivan** **2671**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2877**
Olympiad-41 Tromsoe (10.1) 12.08.2014
[Roiz,Michael, MH]

Tadic,Branko: 'Carlsen played a dubious opening and he got convincingly beaten by the Croatian grandmaster.' **1.e4** Tadic,Branko Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) Einar Gausel Tadic, Branko Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) Tadic,Branko Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) Tadic, Branko Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) Einar Gausel Tadic, Branko Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4** Tadic,Branko: 'A rare move. The Bird defence of the Ruy Lopez. Black aims to change the pawn structure and obtain an unusual position where he could later outplay his opponent.' As often happens, Magnus goes for a side line in order to surprise his opponent. As often happens, Magnus goes for a side line in order to surprise his opponent.
4.Nxd4 exd4 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram'
5.Bc4!? Tadic,Branko: '!? A counter-surprise! It actually has the idea to prevent the main development of the black pieces by putting immediate pressure on the f7 pawn.' This time Ivan also deviates from the main stuff in the Bird. This time Ivan also deviates

from the main stuff in the Bird.
[5.0-0 Tadic,Branko: 'but here Black could play' is much more popular. is much more popular. Bc5 followed by Ne7 and 0-0.]
5...Nf6
[5...Bc5 loses a pawn after 6.Bxf7+ ! Kxf7 7.Qh5+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ and Qxc5.]
6.0-0 Tadic,Branko: '!' This position is important for the theoretical value of White's setup. This position is important for the theoretical value of White's setup.
[6.e5 seems very strong at first sight, because the knight has no good place to leave, but he can play d5 ! and Black is fine!]
6...d5 Tadic,Branko: 'Carlsen was already out of book and this time he did not manage to find the right solution. White turns out to be clearly better a few moves later.'
[6...Nxe4!? Tadic,Branko: 'is the critical move, but it does not equalize either:' was a principled response. White's chances are preferable in the following complications: was a principled response. White's chances are preferable in the following complications: 7.Bxf7+ Tadic,Branko: '!' *(7.Re1 d5 8.Bb5+ c6 9.d3 cxb5 10.dxe4 dxe4 11.Rxe4+ Be6 12.Rxd4 Qb6 13.Be3 Bc5 14.Rd3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 b4∓* ½-½ Vavulin,M (2377)-Khairullin,I (2651)/St Petersburg RUS 2013 (34) ½-½ Vavulin,M (2377)-Khairullin,I (2651)/St Petersburg RUS 2013 (34) *)* 7...Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 *(10...c5 11.d3 d6 12.Re1 Rb8 13.Qf4 Bf5 14.Nd2±)* 11.d3 Tadic,Branko: 'âÂ± followed by Bf4 and Nd2 with a stable advantage due to the better pawn structure and the weakened position of the black king.' c6 12.Bf4 d6 13.Nd2± 1-0 Stevic,H (2588)-Hirneise,T (2440)/Austria 2008/EXT 2009 (39)]
[The most common continuation is 6...c6 Einar Gausel 7.Re1 d6 , but Carlsen wants something more dynamic.]
[6...Be7 7.e5 already works as d5 drops a piece.]
7.exd5 Be7 Einar Gausel: '?!' Einar Gausel: '?!' '?!' Tadic,Branko: 'Black must hurry to finish the development to avoid big problems around his king.' Perhaps, Magnus was out of his preparation at this point. He comes up with a dubious pawn sacrifice, but it looks like there was no way to equalise anyway. Einar Gausel: '?!' Perhaps, Magnus was out of his preparation at this point. He comes up with a dubious pawn sacrifice, but it looks like there was no way to equalise anyway. Perhaps, Magnus was out of his preparation at this point. He comes up with a dubious pawn sacrifice, but it looks like there was no way to equalise anyway.
[7...Nxd5 Tadic,Branko: '- 43/(401)' Tadic,Branko: '- 43/(401)' Tadic, Branko: 'is met by - 43/(401)' 8.Qh5 Tadic,Branko: '!'
A) 8...Be6 9.Re1 Be7 *(9...c6 10.d3)* 10.Rxe6;
B) 8...c6
B1) 9.Qe5+ Tadic,Branko: 'and the d4 falls, while Ne7 should not come into consideration as it blocks the development.' Be6 10.Qxd4 Bd6 *(10...b5* (Einar Gausel) looks more active for Black than the text move. *)*

11.Bxd5 0-0 12.Nc3 cxd5 13.d3 Rc8⩲ 0-1 Givon,A (2329)-Jirka,J (2415)/Tel Aviv 2012/CBM 147 Extra (59);

B2) 9.d3! Be7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Qh4 Ng4 0.79/25 *(12...b5⩱* 0.43/21 *13.Bb3 c5)* 13.Qg3!⩲]

8.Qf3!N Tadic,Branko: 'N' Tadic,Branko: 'N' 'N' 'N' Tadic,Branko: 'White protects his extra pawn and obtains a clear advantage after only 8 moves against the World Champion...' Tadic,Branko: 'N' An important novelty in a rare position. Black gets some development advantage, but White has a solid extra pawn. An important novelty in a rare position. Black gets some development advantage, but White has a solid extra pawn.

[8.Re1 0.17/25 8.Qf3 0.54 Dell: 'Tadic,Branko' Nxd5 9.Qh5 c6 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.Qxd5 cxd5 12.d3 Be6 13.Nd2! Rc8 14.Nf3 Bf6=]

8...Bg4?! 0.95/22 Einar Gausel: 'Forcing White's queen towards the weak pawn on d4 doesn't look like a good idea.' Black choosed a wrong order of moves and loses one more central pawn. Einar Gausel: 'Forcing White's queen towards the weak pawn on d4 doesn't look like a good idea.' Black choosed a wrong order of moves and loses one more central pawn. Einar Gausel: 'Forcing White's queen towards the weak pawn on d4 doesn't look like a good idea.' Black choosed a wrong order of moves and loses one more central pawn. Einar Gausel: 'Forcing White's queen towards the weak pawn on d4 doesn't look like a good idea.' Black choosed a wrong order of moves and loses one more central pawn. Dell: 'Tadic,Branko: '?!'' Black choosed a wrong order of moves and loses one more central pawn.

[8...0-0 was much better: was much better: Dell: 'Tadic,Branko' was much better: 9.d3 Tadic,Branko: 'Â±'

A) 9...Rb8 Tadic,Branko 10.Bf4 *(10.Nd2 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7⇄)* 10...b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.c4!? dxc3! 13.Nxc3 b4 14.Ne4 Nxd5 15.Be5 Kh8 16.Qg3 f6 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Bxc7 Rbc8 19.Bd6⩲;

B) 9...Bg4 10.Qf4! b5! 0.83/23 and White has to play precisely in order to keep his edge: and White has to play precisely in order to keep his edge: *(10...Bd6⩱* 0.34/21 *11.Qxd4 c5)*

B1) 11.Bb3? -0.76/21 11.Bxb5 0.80 Bd6 12.Qxd4 c5 13.Qc3 Re8⩲ -0.10/21 *(13...Nh5!∓* -0.77/22 *14.g3 Re8)*;

B2) 11.Bxb5± Qxd5 12.Bc4 0.71/21 *(⌓12.Qg5!* 1.16/22 *)* 12...Qd7± 13.f3 Bd6 14.Qg5 Be6! 15.Nd2⩲]

[8...0-0⩲ 0.45/23]

9.Qf4± 0-0 Tadic,Branko: 'Carlsen decided to not count the pawns anymore and tries to create compensation with quick development. However there is no logical reason why Black should have any counterplay for the sacrificed pawns.'

[9...Qd7 1.15/20 9...0-0 0.72 10.h3 Bf5 11.d3 Nxd5 12.Qxd4±]

10.h3! Tadic,Branko: 'It is useful to open the back rank and ask the bishop where it wants to go before grabbing the d4 pawn.' Now White will grab a pawn in a better version. Now White will grab a pawn in a better version.

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better than 10.Qxd4 c6 *(10...Be6* Tadic,Branko *11.Nc3 c6 12.d3 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Bb3±)*

A) 11.Nc3 0.47/22 11.Bb3 0.95 b5 12.Bd3 b4 0.76/22 *(12...c5!=* -0.23/17 *13.Qe3 b4)* 13.Ne4 Nxd5 14.Bc4±;

B) 11.d3 cxd5 12.Bb3 Rc8 13.Bg5±]

10...Bd6

[Black also fails to prove any compensation for a pawn after Black also fails to prove any compensation for a pawn after 10...Bd7 11.Qxd4 b5 *(11...Be6)* 12.Be2! *(12.Bb3* 0.38/21 12.Be2 1. 00 *Bxh3 13.gxh3 c5! 14.Qe5 c4* is less clear is less clear *)* 12...Bc6 1.51/20 *(*Black should try *12...Re8* 1.12/21 *)* 13.Re1 0.79/21 *(⌓13.a4!* 1.51/20 *)* 13...Nxd5± 14.Nc3 Nb4 1.41/25 *(14...Bd6±* 0.68/22 *15.Nxb5 Re8 16.Nxd6 Qxd6)* 15.Qxd8± Raxd8 16.Bd1 Rfe8 17.d3±]

11.Qxd4

[11.Qe4? -6.65/19 11.Qxd4 1.23]

11...c5 1.33/22 Einar Gausel: '?' Einar Gausel: '?' '?' Tadic,Branko: 'Black tries to improve his pieces with tempo. He keeps on attacking the queen to confuse the coordination.'

[Einar Gausel: 'Black doesn't have much to show for the missing pawn after' 11...Be6 12.Nc3 c6 13.d3 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bb3!± Einar Gausel: ', but this still looks better than the game continuation.']

[⌓11...Re8 0.72/25]

12.Qd3!±

[12.dxc6? -4.69/21 12.Qd3 1.44 Tadic,Branko Tadic,Branko Tadic, Branko: '??' Tadic,Branko Tadic, Branko Tadic,Branko: '??' Dell: 'Tadic, Branko: '?'' Bh2+! Tadic,Branko: '! [%t Shrt] âˆ⇗â +' 13.Kxh2 Dell: 'Tadic, Branko' Qxd4-+]

12...Bh5

[12...Bd7 13.Nc3 a6 14.a4! Re8 15.Qf3± 0.82/21 *(*White should play *15.b3* 1.38/21 *)*]

13.Nc3 Tadic,Branko: 'White is two pawns up, but it takes some time to connect his rooks by developing the c1 bishop. Black has 2-3 moves to find counterplay, but there is no good solution to solve this problem.' White is 2 pawns up, but the q-side pieces are still undeveloped, so Black still has some practical chances to complicate matters. White is 2 pawns up, but the q-side pieces are still undeveloped, so Black still has some practical chances to complicate matters.

[13.f4!? 0.97/23 13.Nc3 1.36 Bg6 14.f5 Bh5 15.Nc3 Re8 16.b3 a6 17.a4 Qe7 18.Ba3± 1.38/20 *(18.g3*+- 1.74/21 *)* Δ18...Qe5 19.g3]

13...Re8 Einar Gausel: 'After the game Carlsen said he had thought he had reasonable compensation for the pawns at this stage. Carlsen added that he had underestimated White's next move.' Einar Gausel: 'After the game Carlsen said he had thought he had reasonable compensation for the pawns at this stage. Carlsen added that he had underestimated White's next move.' Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram'

[13...Bg6 Tadic,Branko: 'is met by' 14.Qf3 Nd7 *(14...Bxc2?* 2.50/22 14...a6 1.53 Tadic,Branko *15.d3±* Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ and the bishop is trapped on c2 and there is still an extra pawn left.' *)* 15.d3 Tadic,Branko: '±' Tadic,Branko: '±' '±' '±' Tadic,Branko: '±' Tadic,Branko: '±'

'±' '±' Dell: '±' Ne5 16.Qd1±]
[13...a6 White always responds with 14.a4! avoiding the trap of the bishop with b5 and c4.]

14.f4! Tadic,Branko: '! A very strong move! White wants to play d3 and Bd2, but first he needs to remove the queen from the d3 square. With his last move, Saric closed the diagonal of the d6 bishop and prepares to play Qg3!' Ivan is on top again! Now there some problems with the ♗h5 too. Tadic, Branko: '! A very strong move! White wants to play d3 and Bd2, but first he needs to remove the queen from the d3 square. With his last move, Saric closed the diagonal of the d6 bishop and prepares to play Qg3!' Ivan is on top again! Now there some problems with the ♗h5 too. Dell: 'Tadic,Branko: '!" Ivan is on top again! Now there some problems with the ♗h5 too.

[The quiet alternative The quiet alternative 14.b3?! 0.32/21 14.f4 1.46 wasn't convincing: wasn't convincing: a6! 15.a4 Qa5! 0.95/24 *(15...Bg6±* 0.38/22 *16.Qf3 Be5)* 16.Ra2 0.26/21 *(16.Bb2 Bg6 17.Qf3 Bxc2⇄; 16.Bb2±* 0.95/24 *)* 16...Qc7= 17.Bb2 Rad8⩲ 0.97/20 *(17...Re7!=* 0.23/21 *)*]

14...a6 15.a4 Restricting any activity on the q-side. Restricting any activity on the q-side.

[Correctly avoiding Correctly avoiding 15.g4? -0.34/24 15.a4 1.72 Bg6! 16.f5 -1.47/22 *(16.Qf3!=* -0.22/23 remains equal. *b5 17.Bb3)* 16...Nxg4!∓ 17.fxg6 -0.93/27 *(⌓17.Ne4* -1.34/27 *Qh4 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Nxd6)* 17...fxg6∓ 18.Ne4 *(18.hxg4?* -6.16/23 18.Ne4 0.00 *Qh4-+)* 18...Qh4 0.00/5 *(*Better is *18...Nh2!∓* -1.32/28 *19.Nxd6 Qxd6)* 19.Nxd6= Re3 20.Qxe3! Nxe3 21.dxe3 Hoping for Rf3. Qg3+ 22.Kh1 Qxh3+=]

15...Qd7 2.53/22

[15...Bg6 Dell: 'Tadic,Branko'
A) 16.f5 1.26/20 16.Qf3 1.67 Tadic, Branko Bh5 17.g4? -3.79/21 Tadic,Branko *(17.b3!±* 1.26/24 *)* 17...Nxg4!-+ And now ...Qg5! would win. 18.hxg4 -9.75/29 *(⌓18.Ne4* -4.31/20 *Ne5 19.Qb3)* 18...Qh4!-+;
B) 16.Qf3 Tadic,Branko: '!' Tadic, Branko: '!' '!' '!' Tadic,Branko: '!' Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' '!' Dell: '!' 16...Bxc2 17.d3 Bxa4 18.Rxa4 b5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Bxb5 *(20.Rxa8* Tadic,Branko *Qxa8 21.Bxb5±)* 20...Rxa4 21.Bxa4 Re7 22.Bb5 Rb7 23.Bc4+-]
[15...Qa5 2.48/21 15...Bg6 1.74 16.Ra3 h6 17.g4 Bg6 18.f5 Bh7 19.Qf3 Nd7 20.d3 Ne5 21.Qg2+-]
[15...Bg6± 1.58/20 16.Qf3 *(16.f5 Bh5±)* 16...Bxc2]

16.Qg3+- Tadic,Branko: '! Continuing the plan. White only needs d3 and Bd2 to be completely winning.' Now White needs just 2 tempi to complete the development by d2-d3 and ♗c1-d2. Now White needs just 2 tempi to complete the development by d2-d3 and ♗c1-d2. **16...Ne4**

[16...Re7 17.d3 Rae8 18.Bd2 Qc7 19.a5+-]
[16...Rab8

(Diagram)

is not serious in view of 17.a5! simply parrying the b5 threat.]

17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.b3 Tadic,Branko: '!

After the trade of the knights, the a1-h8 diagonal is opened and the bishop developing to b2 might create very unpleasant threats.'

[18.d3!? is worthy of attention: is worthy of attention: Re2 Tadic,Branko: 'is also good for White, but less clear than the game.' 19.d4 *(19.Qh4 Bg6 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 f5±)* 19...Re4 20.Bd3 Rxd4 21.Be3 Rxd5 22.Be4 Be7 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.f5±]

[18.d3 Re2 19.Qh4 Bg6±]

18...Qc7?! Tadic,Branko: 'Black attacks the f4 pawn and provokes d3 in order to be able to invade to the 2nd rank.' A decisive mistake. A decisive mistake.

[18...Bg6 was called for: was called for: 19.Bb2 Qc7 20.Rae1 Black must now prevent Rxe4. *(20.Qc3 f6 21.Rae1 Rae8 22.Rxe4 Rxe4 23.f5 Bf7±)* 20...Bxf4 21.Qf3 1.19/21 *(21.Qc3*+- 1.91/24 *Bh2*+ *22.Kh1)* 21...Rae8± 22.Rxe4 Rxe4 23.Bd3 Bh2+ 24.Kh1 Re7±]

[18...Rae8 19.Bb2 Bf8 20.Bd3 R4e7 21.Bf6 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ and the rook is trapped.]

19.d3 Re2

[19...Ree8 20.Qf2 Threatens to win with g4. *(20.Bb2* Einar Gausel *Bg6 21.Qg4* Prevents Re2 *f5* was preferable, but it's clear that Black does not have enough play for the sacrificed material. *)* 20...f6 21.Be3 Bf7 22.a5+-]

[19...Re7 Tadic,Branko 20.Bb2 Bg6 21.Bc3±]

20.Qg5+- Tadic,Branko: '! Very concrete play! Suddenly the bishop on h5 feels uncomfortable.' Provoking Black's next move. Provoking Black's next move.

20...g6

[After After 20...Bg6 Tadic,Branko: 'loses to' 21.f5 Re5 *(21...h6* 4.36/21 21...Re5 2.86 (The same would have happened after 21...f6.) *22.Qg4* ! [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ with a doubleattack on g6 and e2. *)* 22.Bb2 f6 23.Qg4+- White's material advantage is too big. White's material advantage is too big.]

21.Bb2 Tadic,Branko: 'Thanks to the Qg5 move, the long diagonal became vulnerable. Qf6 is a decisive threat.' Now the ♔g8 is in trouble. Now the ♔g8 is in trouble.

[21.g4 1.93/20 21.Qf6 3.53 was also good enough: was also good enough: Rxc2? 3.67/23 *(21...Qa5* 1.93/20 *)* 22.gxh5 Re8 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Qg3 Ree2 25.Be3+-]

[21.g4 Qd7+-]

21...Be7 A sad necessity. A sad necessity.

[21...Rxc2 Tadic,Branko: 'is refuted nicely by' is just as hopeless: is just as hopeless: 22.Qf6 Tadic,Branko: '+-' Tadic,Branko: '+-' '+-' '+-' Tadic,Branko: '+-' Tadic,Branko: '+-' '+-' '+-' Dell: '+-' Rxb2 23.Qxb2

Bxf4 Tadic,Branko: 'Black cannot hope for counterplay on the dark sqaures because of the following tactical strike: Diagram' 24.d6 Tadic,Branko: '!' Qxd6 25.Bxf7+ Tadic,Branko: '!' Kxf7 26.Rxf4+ Tadic,Branko: '!' Qxf4 27.Rf1+- Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ']

22.Bf6 Tadic,Branko: '! White is ready to trade the bishop because if he gets his queen to f6, d6 becomes a decisive threat. Additionally White is still two pawns up.'

[Another nice way was Another nice way was 22.d6 Qxd6 23.Qe5! Rxe5 24.Bxf7+ Kf8 25.fxe5 Qc7 26.Bxg6+ Kg8 27.Bxh5+-]

[22.Qh6 Bf8 Prevents Qg7+]

22...h6 23.Be5! Tadic,Branko: '!?' The final touch. Black cannot avoid simplifications. The final touch. Black cannot avoid simplifications.

[23.Qh4 was also winning, but the text move is nicer.]

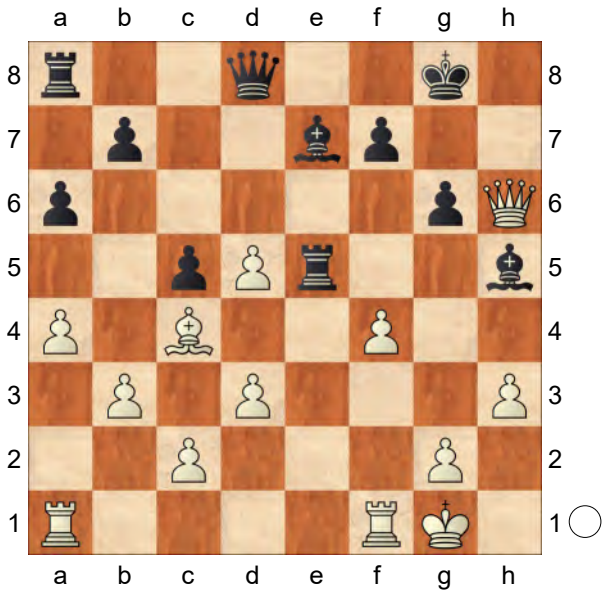
[23.Qxh6? Bxf6 24.c3 Qe7-+ *(24...Bxc3? 25.Ra3-+)*]

23...Qd8 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram'

[23...hxg5 24.Bxc7 Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ is also hopeless. White is threatening with g4 or d6 and he is two pawns up.' gxf4 25.Rxf4 Rxc2 26.g4 g5 27.Rf3 Bg6 28.d6+-]

24.Qxh6 Einar Gausel: 'White is simply winning. He manages to make a meal of it, but the final outcome is never in doubt.' Einar Gausel: 'White is simply winning. He manages to make a meal of it, but the final outcome is never in doubt.' Tadic,Branko: '! Very well calculated by Saric, he had to foresee to upcoming ideas before playing 23.Be5.'

24...Rxe5 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram ♘' Tadic,Branko: '! Carlsen has pinned his hopes to this small tactical trick that after fxe5 Bg5 traps the queen, but Saric has prepared a counterblow!' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram ♘' **25.d6!** Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '+-!' Tadic,Branko: '!' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '+-!' Tadic, Branko: '!' '!' '!' Tadic,Branko: '!! The key is to open the diagonal of the bishop and the threat of take on f7 becomes decisive.'

[Of course, not Of course, not 25.fxe5? 0.00/30 25.d6 3.51 Tadic, Branko: '?' Bg5 and the queen is trapped. and the queen is trapped. 26.Qxh5! Tadic,Branko gxh5 27.d6 Be3+ 28.Kh1 Bd4 29.Rae1⩲]

[25.fxe5 Bg5=]

[25.g4? Bf8-+]

25...Re2

[25...Bf8 7.69/26 25...Re2 4.20 26.Bxf7+ ! Kxf7 27.Qh7+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ and fxe5 wins.]

26.dxe7 Qxe7

[26...Qd4+ 27.Kh1 aiming for f5. Rxe7 28.f5+-]

27.f5 Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ The rest is easy. White has decisive material advantage and keeps on attacking.' **27...Qh4** Tadic,Branko: 'A last trap...' At this moment White has a lot of winning continuations.

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28.Qf4 Liquidating into a completely winning endgame. Liquidating into a completely winning endgame.

[28.fxg6 Rxg2+ Tadic,Branko: '!' 29.Kxg2 Bf3+ 30.Rxf3 Qxh6 31.gxf7+ Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ White remains winning.' Kh7 32.Raf1+-]

[28.Bxf7+? 2.33/5 28.Kh1 5.93 Tadic, Branko: '!' Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' Tadic, Branko: '!' Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' Dell: '!' Kxf7 29.fxg6+

A) 29...Ke8 Tadic,Branko. ... Rxg2+! would now be deadly. 30.g7 Tadic,Branko: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗' Ke7 ...Rxg2+! is the strong threat. 31.g8N+!

A1) 31...Kd7 9.28/22 31...Rxg8 5.13 32.Qh7+ Re7 *(32...Kc6 33.Rf6++-)* 33.Qxe7+ Qxe7 34.Nxe7+-;

A2) 31...Rxg8;

B) 29...Ke7 30.Qg7+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗;

C) 29...Ke6 Strongly threatening ... Qg3! 30.g7+ Kd7 (-> ...Qg3!) 31.Rf7+ Re7 32.Rxe7+ Kxe7 33.Rf1+- *(33.Kh1!+-* Tadic,Branko *)*]

28...g5 Einar Gausel: 'The alternatives were equally hopeless for Black.'

29.Qxh4 gxh4 Tadic,Branko: 'White decided to trade queens and win the endgame with the material advantage.'

30.Rf4 Tadic,Branko: '+-' Tadic,Branko: '+-' '+-' '+-' **30...Rxc2 31.Rxh4 Be2**

32.Re4 Tadic,Branko: 'White is ready to invade on the 7th. The bishop has no safe square on h5 anymore after eliminating the h4 pawn, because g4 traps it.' The rest is just an agony.

The rest is just an agony. **32...Rd2**

[32...Kf8 5.31/23 32...Rd2 3.50 33.Re1 Tadic,Branko: 'is also over.' b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Bxb5 *(35.R4xe2 Rxe2 36.Rxe2 bxc4 37.dxc4+-)* 35...Raa2 36.f6+-]

33.Re7 Bxd3 34.Bxf7+

[34.Rxb7 Bxc4 35.bxc4 Rc2±]

34...Kf8 35.f6

[35.Rxb7 Be4 36.Rc7 Rxg2+ 37.Kf1 Rg7 38.Rxc5 *(38.Re1? Bd3+ 39.Kf2 Rxf7-+)* 38...Rxf7-+ *(38...Kxf7 39.Re1∓)*]

35...Rd8

[35...Re2 36.Bg6! Rxe7 37.fxe7+ Kxe7 38.Bxd3+-]

36.Bh5

[36.Rxb7 Be4 37.Re7 Rxg2+ 38.Kf1 Rh2= *(38...Rdd2 39.Bh5±)*]

36...Kg8 Einar Gausel: 'Magnus resigned, since' Einar Gausel: 'Magnus resigned, since' **37.Re8+** 11.41/20 Tadic,Branko: '!'

[⌓37.f7+ #13/18 Kg7 38.Re8 *(38.Rxb7 Be4+-)* 38...Rxe8 39.fxe8Q Kf6 40.Re1 Be2 41.Qf7+ *(41.Rxe2 Rxe2 42.Bxe2 b5 43.g4 bxa4 44.Bd3 axb3 45.g5+* Decoy *Kxg5 46.Qe5+ Kh4 47.Qf5 Kg3 48.Qg4#; 41.Bxe2 Kg7 42.Rf1 Rxe2 43.Qf8+ Kh7 44.Rf7+ Kg6 45.Qg8+ Kh6 46.Rh7#)* 41...Kg5 42.Bxe2 *(42.Rxe2 Rxe2 43.Bxe2 b6 44.h4+ Kh6 45.Bd3 a5 46.Qh7#)*]

37...Rxe8 Einar Gausel **38.f7+**

Tadic,Branko: '! [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗'
[Less strong is 38.Bxe8 Be4+-]
38...Kg7 39.fxe8Q leaves White a queen up. 1-0 (39) Saric,I (2671)-Carlsen,M (2877) Tromsoe 2014 CBM 162 [Roiz,Michael]
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		C61
□	**Adams,Michael**	**2754**
■	**Lenderman,A**	**2561**
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[Tom Rendle,MH]

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RR: 'Inf 42/(395)' Shankland,Samuel: 'Early in my chess career, I was an e4 player. I had been told that it was the best match for my aggressive style. As I got more mature, I realized that I was feeling very at home against the Sicilian and the French, but I had no idea how to play against e5 (or c6, but this is for another day!). Ultimately, when I was about 2400 FIDE, I started making the transition from 1. e4 to 1.d4 as an antidote to my difficulties meeting 1...e5. As of now, I have been playing d4 almost exclusively for a couple years. However, with all the unsatisfying games I had in the Scotch or the King's Gambit behind me, I think that I will learn a lot by studying the Ruy Lopez, both in terms of improving my understanding in positions that don't come as naturally to me and potentially reincorporating 1.e4 back into my repertoire. After some discussions with Chess Informant, it has been agreed that I will present some of the fruits of my analysis of the Ruy Lopez as I properly learn it for the first time. I should mention, this series is aimed at finding the best plans for white and it is done from white's perespective, but I will try to be as objective as possible in my evaluations. I believe that with any new opening, it is most important to learn the sidelines first, so we will start off where black deviates from the normal 3...a6 or 3...Nf6, in particular with regard to the Nd4 motif. Enjoy! Chess Informant: 'Early in my chess career, I was an e4 player. I had been told that it was the best match for my aggressive style. As I got more mature, I realized that I was feeling very at home against the Sicilian and the French, but I had no idea how to play against e5 (or c6, but this is for another day!).
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" 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.b4 Bxb4

[6...Bb6 7.c4 c6 8.Ba4 Ne7 *(8...d6 9.d3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Nd2 Ng6 13.Bg3 Kh8 14.Qc2 Be6 15.c5 dxc5 16.bxc5 Bc7 17.Rab1 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qc7 19.Rb4* Ashwin,J (2478)-Motuz,K (2330) 118/(96) Kavala 2013 *)* 9.d3 0-0 10.Nd2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Re1 Bc7 13.Nf3 Ng6 14.h3 h6 15.Bb2 Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qc8 17.Nxd4 Qxh3 18.Qf3 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Bg3+ 20.Kg1 Bh2+ 21.Kh1 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2719)-Salman,F (2693) Nefteyugansk 79/225 2000 (1) ½-½]

7.c3N

[7.Bb2 0.08/21 7.c3 0.51 Ne7 and White can press for the win with no risk 8.Bxd4 0-0 9.c3 is fine for Black *(9.Qc1 c5 10.Qb2 cxd4 11.Qxb4 Nc6 12.Qd6 Re8 13.d3 Re6 14.Qf4 d5 15.Nd2 Rg6* Gavrilakis,N (2360)-Kotronias,V (2430) 42/(395) Athens 1986 *)* 9...Ba5! might be a more ambitious way to handle the position and now after 10.Bd3 -0.42/16 White can play *(10.Re1=* 0.12/16 *)* 10...Bb6! 0.18/22 *(10...d5∓* -0.42/16 *)* 11.Bxb6?= axb6 12.Bc2 -0.17/22 *(⌓12.c4* 0.23/22 *)* 12...d5= 13.d4 dxe4 with a clear advantage 14.Bxe4 Re8 15.Nd2 Nf5]

7...dxc3

[7...Bc5 A solid hold from Lenderman but I still feel that White was better earlier on, 15...0-0 looks critical in this line. 8.Bb2 was more accurate as now Black can't exchange rooks the position is just a draw after

A) 8...d3 1.23/21 8...Qf6 0.36 9.Bxd3 Ne7 *(9...d5 10.exd5* White has excellent play here and more than enough compensation as Black is so badly coordinated *Qxd5!? 11.Re1+ Ne7?!* is a thematic pawn sacrifice but I'm not convinced by it here *12.Be4 Qg5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Nd2! 0-0 15.Nc4)* 10.Bc2

A1) 10...d5 1.83/21 10...0-0 1.46 11.d4 should probably be a draw but White is definitely still pressing after Bb6 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.a4! keeps Black tied down and White can slowly improve his position with Kc2, Nd2-e4. Black must now prevent Bb3. c6!? *(13...0-0* 2.95/23 13...a5 1.84 *14.a5 Bxa5 15.c4 Qg5* wins a pawn for Black but after *16.f4)* 14.Ba3;

A2) 10...0-0 11.d4 Bb6 12.Nd2! d5 13.Ba3 and a draw can safely be agreed Re8! 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6;

B) 8...c6 9.cxd4 Be7 *(9...Bb6 10.d5 Nf6 11.Ba4!* Strongly threatening d6. *0-0 12.d6! Nxe4 13.Qg4 Nf6 14.Qh3)* 10.Ba4 0.56/23 and White didn't have enough for the pawn in Escobar Forero, A (2455)-Bacallao Alonso, Y (2519) Panama City 2013 *(10.d5!±* 1.08/24 *)*

B1) 10...Nf6 1.12/22 10...d5 0.66 11.d5 cxd5 1.55/23 *(⌓11...Qb6* 1.10/21 *)* 12.e5**±** Ne4 13.e6 exf7+ is the strong threat. 0-0 14.exf7+! Rxf7 and Black managed to go on to

hold the draw in Kokarev, D (2639)-Rozum, I (2482) Kazan 2013 15.Bb3!;

B2) 10...d5± 11.exd5 Qxd5 1.61/21 is more sensible with the plan of Ne5 and g4 but perhaps Black can block this with *(11...b5!± 0.61/22)* 12.Nc3! 0.91/22 and still be OK *(*White should try *12.Re1+-* 1.61/21 *)* 12...Qxd4 *(12...Qg5?!* 2.12/22 12...Qd8 0.85 *13.d5)* 13.Re1! Be6 Wards off Qb3 14.Bb3 Qd7! seems like the way to equalise for Black 15.Rxe6 0.87/19 *(⌓15.Bxe6!* 1.46/19 *fxe6 16.Qh5+ Kf8 17.Ne4)* 15...fxe6± 16.Qe2!;

C) 8...Qf6= 0.29/23;

D) 8...dxc3 0.84/24 9.Nxc3± or 9...c6 Prevents Nd5 10.Nd5! *(10.Bc4 Bd4 11.Qa4 Nh6 12.Bxf7+ Nxf7 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Ne2 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 g6 16.f4 0-0 17.d3* Ruy Lopez-Bird'S Defence CILab114/06 2012 *)* 10...h5 *(10...cxb5?!* 4.07/16 10...h5 0.89 *11.Bxg7; 10...Kf8 11.Qb3* aiming for Qc3! *cxd5 12.Qc3* and it's White that has to be slightly the more careful in this endgame *Nf6!* also leads to equality after. And now ...d6 would win. *13.Qxc5+ d6 14.Bxf6! Qxf6 15.Qxd5)* 11.Qc1 d6?? 12.Qc3 Rh6 13.d4! Bb6 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Bd3 and Black should win the king and pawn ending]

8.dxc3 Bc5 White is slightly better.

[8...Qf6 1.70/14 8...Be7 0.48 9.e5! Qb6 10.Bd3 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Ne4]

9.e5! c6

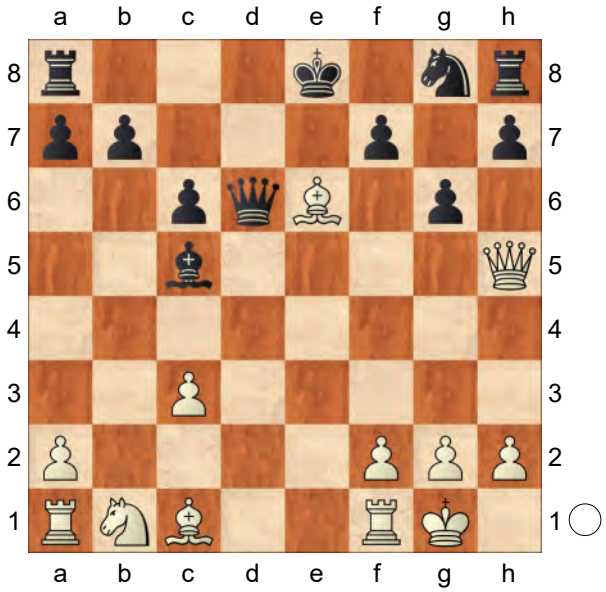
[9...Ne7 0.78/21 9...c6 0.32 10.e6 fxe6? 2.72/22 *(10...g6±* 0.83/21 *)* 11.Qh5++- Ng6 Hoping for ...b6. 12.Qxc5]

10.Bc4 White is more active. **10...d5**

11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5! Be6

[12...g6 13.Qf3 White is active enough that Black can't hold onto his extra material Nf6? 4.93/16 *(13...Qf6±* 0.95/19 *)* 14.Re1++- Kd8 15.Bf4]

13.Bxe6 Pin **13...g6!**



14.Bxf7+! Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2! Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad1 would now be deadly. **18...Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4** The opening has definitely been a success for White as he has a clear target on e6 to aim at. Despite this Lenderman holds relatively easily - still I think White can find ways to increase the pressure. **21.Rab1 Ba5** 0.90/24

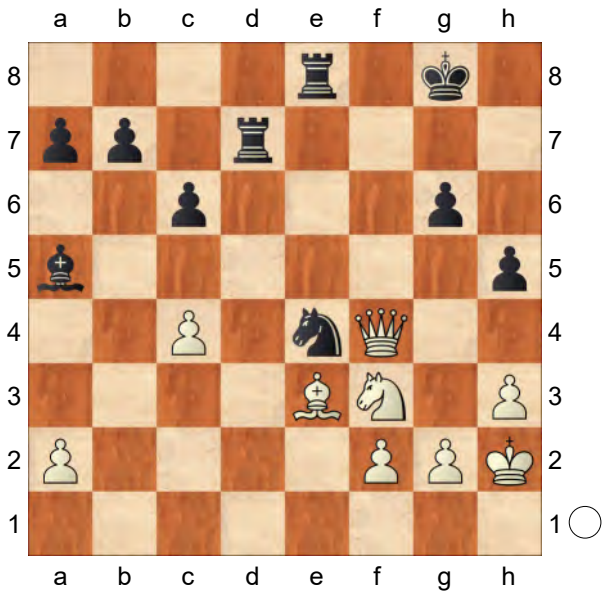
[21...a5!± 0.51/23]

22.Be3 The first slight mistake from Mickey.

[22.Rbd1 looks sharper. Qxd1 23.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 24.Kh2]

22...Ne4 23.Rbd1! Possibly this was

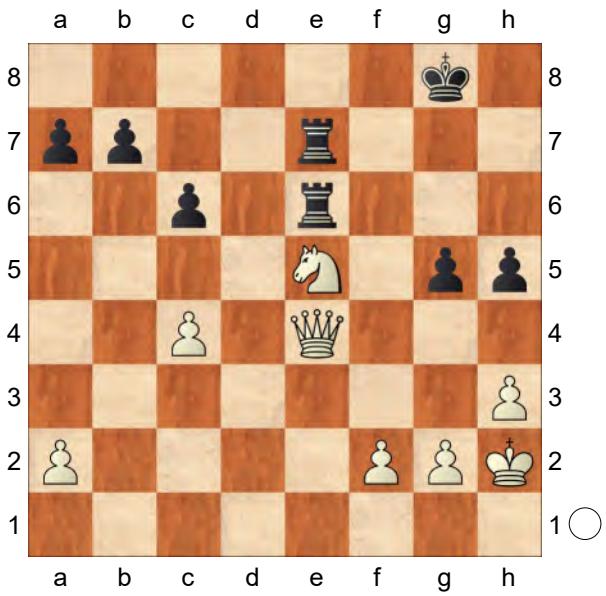
based on a miscalculation because after this Black is just fine. Deflection
[23.Bxa7? Bd8 24.c5 Qc7-+]
23...Qxd1 24.Qf4+ Kg8! 25.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26.Kh2 Rd7



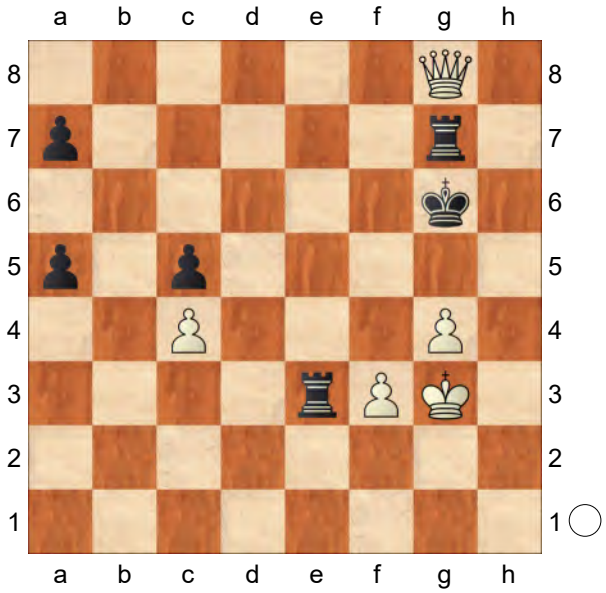
27.Bd4!
[27.Bxa7? Bc7-+]
27...Re6 28.Bb2↑ Threatens to win with Ne5. Black is under strong pressure.
[28.Bxa7? Bc7-+]
28...Bc7 1.10/28
[⌓28...Nd2 0.72/25]
29.Be5± The board is on fire. **29...Bxe5 30.Nxe5 Rde7 31.Qxe4** Black still has the isolated pawn on e6 but it's easily defendable now and neither side have realistic winning chances **31...g5**

(Diagram)

32.Qf3! Rxe5 33.Qxh5 Endgame. KQ-KRR **33...R7e6** 1.61/24
[33...a6± 1.04/21 was necessary. 34.Qg6+ Kf8 35.Qf6+ Kg8]
34.Qg4 Kf7 35.Qd4?! c5 2.36/22
[35...Ra5± 1.25/19]
36.Qd3+- Re7 37.g4 Kg7 38.Kg3 b6 39.f3 Re3 40.Qd8 Kg6 41.h4 gxh4+



42.Kxh4 Rh7+ 43.Kg3 Rf7 Suddenly White is under some pressure but he holds the draw comfortably in any case **44.Qg8+! Rg7 45.Qd5** White threatens Qf5+ and mate. **45...Rge7 46.a4**
[And not 46.Qg8+ Rg7 47.Qd5 Rge7 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qg8+ Rg7+-)* 48...Kg7 49.Qg5+ Kf7=]
46...Kg7 47.Qd8 Kh7 48.Qf8 Kg6 49.a5 bxa5? 4.78/22
[49...Rf7 2.94/20 might work better. 50.Qg8+ Rg7]
50.Qg8+ Rg7



51.Qd5 Qf5+ would kill now. **51...Rge7 52.Qxc5 a4 53.Qc6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise) .
Mistake: --- Black=5
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2
OK: White=25 Black=22
Best: White=5 Black=2
Strong: White=4 Black=1 . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2741**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2772**
Zug FIDE GP (9) 28.04.2013
[Caruana,Fabiano, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 Ne7N
[6...c6
A) 7.Ba4 Ne7 *(7...a5 8.c3 b5 9.Bc2 d6 10.Nd2 a4 11.h3 Ne7 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.d4 Bb6 15.Re1 f5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.exf5 Qf6 19.d5 Ba5 20.Re3 Bxc3 21.Rb1 b4 22.dxc6* 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d4 ♗g4 _2761 (2507)-Karpuk,M (2372) 3/399 Sarajevo 1967 ½-½ *)* 8.Qh5 d5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bb3 Be6 12.e5 Qe8 13.Qxe8 Raxe8 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bg5 Rff8 16.Rae1 Ng6 17.h3 h6 18.Bd2 Bd7 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Kf7 Ruy Lopez Bird-3.♗b5 ♘d4 Survey 1997;

B) 7.Bc4 d5 *(7...d6 8.f4 Nf6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.fxe5 Qd5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Nd2 Rg8 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bf4 Rg6 16.Qe2 Bg4 17.Qf2 Rag8 18.Rae1 h5 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Qf4 Be6 21.h4 Bd5 22.g4* 5.f3 00 6.♗e3 _42823-Serzhanov,G (ch) 96/41 Georgia 2006 (2) 1-0 *)* 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 I wanted to prepare ...c5 by first preventing ♗g5, but after 10.Bg5 -0.29/22 *(⌓10.Ba4+* 0.23/22 *Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Nd2)* 10...0-0= I thought my position would be slightly worse. *(10...f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 f5 22.Nf3 Rh6 23.Qg3 Rg8 24.Nxd4 Qf6 25.Qe3* Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8. ♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0 *)* For example, if 11.Bxe7?! *(11.Nd2)* 11...Bxe7 12.f4 Qd6 13.Qf3 Rd8! the threat of ...c4 is very uncomfortable. 14.Nd2 is of course also playable:
B1) 14...a5 15.Rae1 -0.42/23 *(15.Rfe1=* -0.02/20 *)* 15...Bf8!∓ aiming for ...a4. 16.a4 b5! 17.axb5 -1.53/23 *(17.Ra1∓* -0.49/22 *)* 17...a4!∓ 18.Ba2 Ra5;
B2) 14...b5 15.Rae1 Bb7 -0.05/22 transposes to the game Sutovsky-Adams, and here instead of 13...b4, I'm wondering what the problem with *(15...Bf8!∓* -0.44/22 *)* 16.Re2 -0.78/21 is. *(16.Qh5=* -0.05/22 remains equal. *)* 16...a5∓ 17.Rfe1 -1.16/22 *(17.a4 Qb4;*

⌓17.a4 -0.76/23 *)* 17...Bf6 -0.52/22 *(17...Bf8!∓* -1.16/22 Strongly threatening ...a4. *18.a4 Qb4)* 18.a3 a4 19.Ba2 seems okay for black. b4]

7.Bg5 0.11/25

[7.Qh5± 0.85/20 b6 8.Bg5]

7...c6= 8.Bc4 0-0 0.51/22

[8...d5= 0.10/23 9.Bb3 0-0]

9.Nd2 0.04/23 This is not such a common move, but it has been played before by strong players.

[9.Qh5!± 0.51/22 deserves consideration.]

9...d5 10.exd5 -0.24/24

[10.Bb3 0.17/22 feels stronger.]

10...cxd5 11.Bb3 a5!? Threatens to win with ...f6. An unusual square for this knight in the Ruy, but here I think the move makes a lot of sense. I'm just trying to maintain control over d5. **12.a4** It's not easy to find a move for White.

[12.a3 -0.67/22 12.c4 -0.18 a4 13.Ba2 Ra6 14.Re1 Rg6 15.Bh4 Bg4 16.f3 -1.58/23 I thought Black would be better here, but after *(16.Qc1* -1.05/22 16.Nf3 -0.51 *Qd7; 16.Nf3∓* -0.54/21 *)* 16...Be6!∓ the ending is just unclear.

Now I thought my position would be good after 17.Nf1 *(17.Qe2 Qd7* should end in a draw. My intention was *18.Bxe7 Bxe7 19.Nf1* , but this allows a great resource: *Rc8!* , with the threat of ♗xh6 My first intention was *20.Qf2* , but I got worried about *h5! 21.Kh1 h4)* 17...Qb6 -0.89/21 *(⌓17...Qc7* -1.55/21 *18.Bg3 Qc6)* I mainly considered 18.Bxe7 -1.44/22 *(⌓18.Ng3* -0.89/21 *)* 18...Bxe7∓ 19.Rb1 Bd6 20.Re2 Rc8 -1.40/20 *(20...Qc7-+* -1.95/22 *21.Qd2 Rb8)* 21.Qd2 -1.94/23 , when Black has to be accurate: *(21.b3∓* -1.40/20 *)* 21...Qc7-+ 22.Rf2 b5! 23.f4 Rf6 24.g3 Qc6 25.Qd1 -2.06/21 *(⌓25.h4* -1.64/17 *)* 25...b4]

[12.Ba4 Ra6 , although the computer shows some moves like ...♕c8 and ... c5 here, I couldn't calculate it during the game. 13.Nb3 Rg6! 14.Nxc5 -1.46/21 *(14.Qd2∓* -0.51/21 *h6 15.Bh4)* 14...Rxg5∓ is dangerous for Black. In the event of 15.Kh1 b5 16.Bxb5 Qb6 Black's position is reasonable. The automatic move is 17.Nd7 , which leads to approximate equality after Qxb5 18.Nxf8 Kxf8]

12...Ra6!? A little bit optimistic and not really necessary.

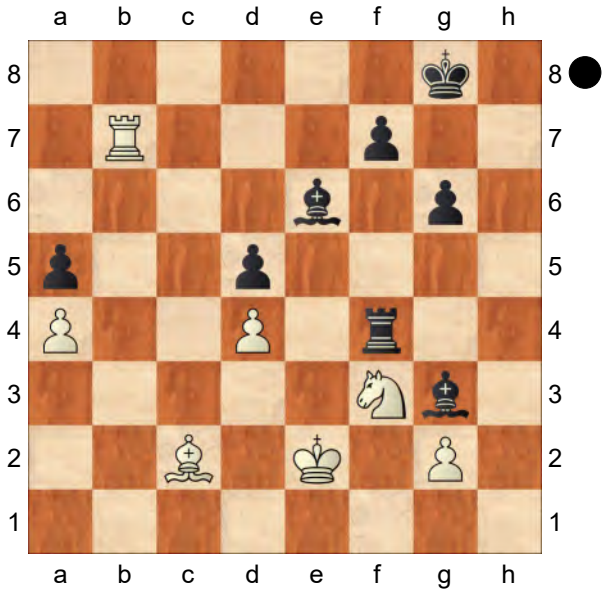
[12...Be6 13.Re1 Ra6 0.09/20 and here I only considered 27.♘c3, but the accurate *(13...h6∓* -0.42/17 *14.Bh4 Qd7)* 14.Nf1! -0.38/20 forces a draw. *(14.Nf3=* 0.09/20 is superior. *)* 14...Qd7 0.01/25 *(14...h6∓* -0.38/20 *15.Bd2 Bc8)* 15.Ng3! Ng6 16.h3 -0.43/23 *(16.Bd2=* -0.02/16 should be considered. *)* 16...f6 0.04/25 *(16...f5!∓* -0.43/23 *17.Qf3 Rd6)* 17.Bd2= , with perpetual. Bf7 18.Qg4 Be6 should also be fine for white. 19.Qh5? Rxe6! would now be deadly. Bf7 The endgame offers nothing: 20.Qf5 Rd8 *(20...Be6?* 4.48/22 20...Rd8 0. 24 *21.Rxe6!)* 21.Qxd7 Rxd7 , with an inevitable draw.

I also thought about the intermediate 22.Re2!? , but I decided it wouldn't change much. Kf8 23.Rae1 Ne5 24.f4 -0.24/25 looks totally equal to me. *(⌓24.Nf5* 0.23/20 *)*

A) 24...Nc4!? 25.Bc1 *(25.dxc4 dxc4 26.Bxc4 d3+ 27.Be3 Bxe3+*

28.Rxe3 Bxc4∓) 25...Rb6=;
B) Gata pointed out the following variation after the game: 24...Nc6 25.Nf5 Ra8 26.g4 Re8 27.Rxe8+! Bxe8 28.Kf2 b6 would be more reasonable. White isn't any better but shouldn't be worse either. 29.h4!? is really the only way to justify 15.♕d2.]

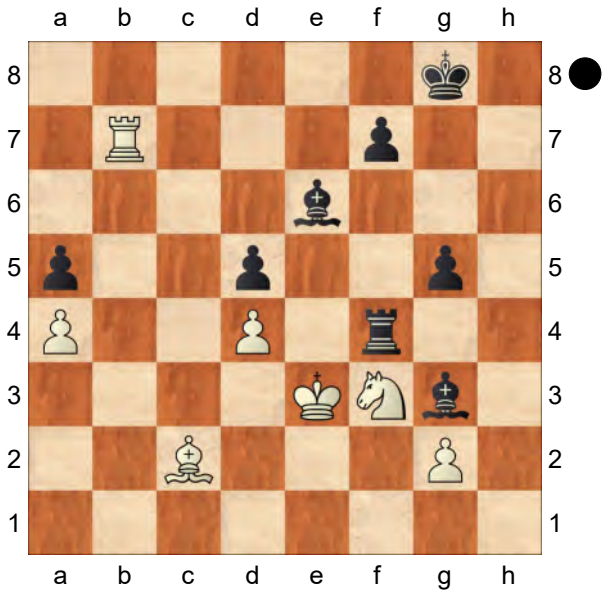
13.Re1 -0.84/23
[13.Nf3= -0.10/22]
13...Rg6!∓ 14.Bh4 Bg4 Inhibits Qe2.
15.Qb1
[15.Nf3]
15...Qd7 I was very happy to get this move in.
16.Qa2?! -1.67/24 With this move White just gives up 2 tempi. He had to go for the sacrifice.
[16.Bxe7∓ -1.04/18 Bxe7 17.Re5]
16...Nf5 17.Bg3 Bb4 18.c3?! This wrecks White's pawns. **18...dxc3 19.bxc3 Bxc3 20.Rac1 Nxg3** -1.07/14
[⌓20...Bb4 -1.54/23 Hoping for ... Nd4. 21.Rc7 Re6 22.Rxe6 *(22.Rxd7?* is the wrong capture. *Rxe1+ 23.Nf1 Rfe8-+)* 22...Qxe6]
21.hxg3 Despite White's mangled pawns, the position is pretty close to equal.
21...Bb4↑ Black has strong initiative. Black is more active. This pair of bishops is nice. **22.Re5** Dodges Qf5
22...Be6 I wasn't very happy to make this move, but I didn't see an alternative.
23.Nf3 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Qxc8 25.Qc2 -1.29/21 This move surprised me, because I didn't see anything wrong with taking the pawn.
[Better is 25.Qb1 -0.81/22]
25...Qxc2 26.Bxc2 Bd6 Now White will be worse for a long time.
27.Rh5 -2.04/22
[27.Re1∓ -1.25/21 might work better.]
27...Rg4 28.d4 g6 29.Rh1 Bc7 -1.26/25
[Black should try 29...Bd7-+ -1.90/21 ...Bc6 is the strong threat. 30.Kh2 f6]
30.Kh2 h5 31.Rb1 h4 -0.80/27
[⌓31...b6 -1.21/26 32.Kg1 Bd8]
32.Rxb7 hxg3+ 33.Kg1?? The decisive mistake. **33...gxf2+! 34.Kxf2 Bg3+**
35.Kf1 -2.07/24
[35.Ke3∓ -0.96/19]
35...Rf4 -1.07/22
[35...g5!-+ -2.07/24 And now ...Rf4 would win. 36.Kg1 Kf8]
36.Ke2



g5! There were even more accurate ways to finish the game, but this is enough. White's king will never find safety.
37.Ke3

(Diagram)

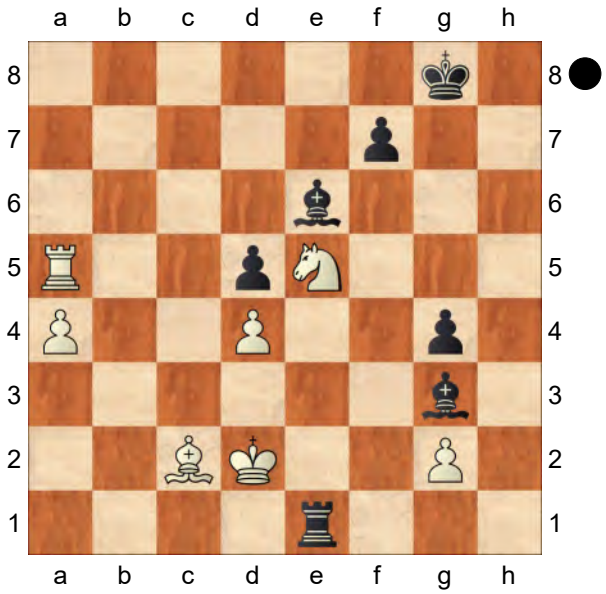
Rf6! 38.Rb5 -1.84/23
[38.Bb3∓ -1.43/22 is a better defense.]
38...g4-+ 39.Ne5 Rf2 -0.29/23
[Black should play 39...Bf2+∓ -1.50/21



40.Kd2 Bxd4]
40.Bd1 -1.05/15
[40.Bb3!= -0.29/23]
40...Rf4 -0.38/23
[Much worse is 40...Rxg2?! 41.Bxg4 Bxe5 42.Bxe6∓]
[40...f5∓ -1.05/15 41.Bb3 Rxg2 *(41...f4+ 42.Kd3-+)* 42.Bxd5 Bxd5 *(42...f4+ 43.Ke4=)* 43.Rxd5 Kh7 44.Rxa5 Ra2]
41.Bc2!∓ Rf1 42.Rxa5? -2.95/22
Now White is beyond hope.
[42.Bb3!∓ -0.42/22]
42...Re1+-+ 43.Kd2 -3.46/21
is of course much worse for White, but he has good chances to defend.
[⌓43.Kd3 -2.08/19]

(Diagram)

43...Rg1! is met by **44.Ke3! Rxg2 45.Bd1 Be1 46.Ra8+** might be a draw in the long run, but white will have to suffer for it. White could have considered **46...Kg7** (-> ...Bd2+) **47.Be2 Bf2+** Black is clearly winning. **48.Kd3 Bf5+ 49.Kc3 Be1+** Discovered Attack.



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Mistake: White=10
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OK: White=10
Black=20
Best: White=7
Black=1
Strong: White=1
Black=4 , with good chances to defend.
0-1

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□ **Edouard,Romain** **2688**
■ **Ibarra Jerez,Jose Carlos** **2528**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (2.2) 06.11.12
[Edouard,Romain, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 Edouard,R **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4** 0.97/23
To be honest, I had never analysed this 3...♘d4 line at all, and had to face this

apparently well-known ...♘g4 idea over the board. I could find all the normal moves but it took a lot of time for it, and I ended up in time trouble.

[8...Be7± 0.46/23]

9.h3

[9.cxd4 Qh4 10.h3 Qxf2+ *(10...Nxf2 11.Qe2)* 11.Kh1 Qxd4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓]

9...Ne5 10.d3

[The tempting 10.Bf1 -0.07/24 10.d3 0.89 is wrong because of d3! 11.f4 *(11.Re3* -0.26/24 11.f4 0.17 *g5!* followed by ...g4 is great for Black *)* 11...Qb6+ 0.53/26 *(11...g5=* -0.17/21 *12.fxe5 dxe5)*

A) 12.Kh2N -0.19/20 12.Kh1 0.43 h5 13.fxe5 Bg4! 14.Qb3? -1.36/19 *(14.hxg4+-* 3.23/18 g5 would now be deadly. *hxg4+ 15.Kg3)* 14...Qf2 is unclear.;

B) 12.Kh1± h5! 13.Re3! *(13.fxe5?* -0.63/19 13.Re3 0.40 *Bg4! 14.Qb3* aiming for Qxb6. *Qf2→)* 13...Nc4! and Black is very fine. But, well, apparently, all this is well known and should not have taken me that much time over the board!]

10...Qb6

[10...Nxc4 11.dxc4 dxc3 12.Nxc3±]

[10...dxc3 11.Nxc3 Qh4 used to be played but after 12.Bb3 Be7 13.d4 Ng6 14.e5! with the idea of d5 Inhibits Re4. 15.Nxd5! White is much better.]

11.Bb3N 0.81/21 Definitely not the best, and my opponent got an interesting but dubious reaction.

[11.cxd4 0.76/21 11.a4 1.31 Qxd4 12.Qe2± 0.27/21 *(12.Qc2!±* 0.85/23 *)*]

[11.Re2!?± (an original move protecting the b2-pawn and threatening cxd4 and ♗e3)]

[⌓11.Re2 1.24/22]

[11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 24.Rdb1 Be6 25.Bxd6 Re8 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]

11...Be7± 12.Qe2 0.42/25

[12.cxd4± 0.92/22 Qxd4 13.Bc2]

12...g5? 0.94/22 A very dubious move, but quite interesting when your opponent lacks time!

[12...Be6!? makes more sense.]

[12...0-0± 0.42/25]

13.cxd4? 0.46/20 Played too fast.

[13.Rd1! Ng6 *(13...g4* 1.49/19 13...Ng6 0.77 *14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.Be3* see 13.cxd4 and 14...g4 *)* 14.Na3! is great for White.]

[13.Na3± 0.94/22]

13...Qxd4± 14.Rd1 Ng6!

[14...g4 2.14/22 14...Ng6 0.68 15.Be3 Edouard,R: 'see 13.cxd4 and 14...g4' Qb4 16.d4 gxh3 Strongly threatening ...Rg8! 17.dxe5 Rg8 18.Qc4!]

15.Be3?! 0.01/20

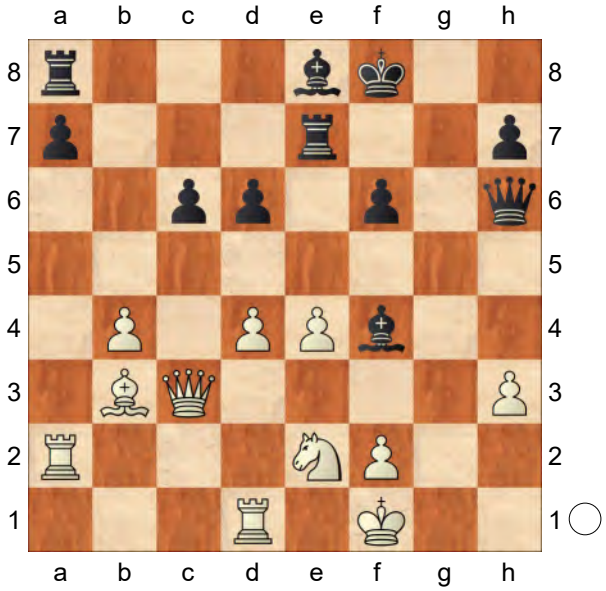
[15.Qh5! was necessary to have time for Qg7 0.91/20 *(15...h6±* 0.46/21 feels stronger. *)* 16.d4! 0.34/20 and White should be a bit better. *(*White should play *16.Bxg5±* 0.91/20 *Rg8 17.Be3)*]

[White should try 15.Qh5± 0.51/21]

15...Qg7!= Suddenly Black is threatening to have a rather powerful attack.

16.Qh5!? I didn't like giving up the b2-pawn, but I think if Black managed to

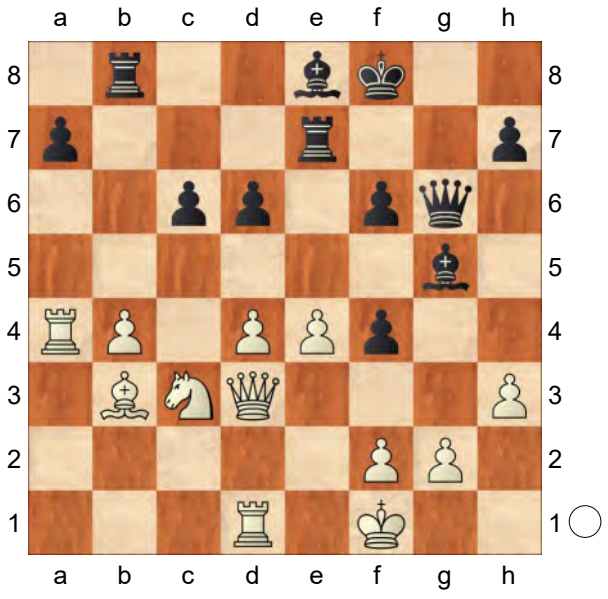
play ...h5, White is just worse!
[16.Nd2 simplifies h5 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.f3]
16...Nf4?
[There was no reason not to play 16...Qxb2 and after 17.Nd2 Black must now prevent d4! Qf6 18.d4 e5! is the strong threat. Nf4 19.Qf3! Black can even play something like 0-0 and have at least no problem.]
17.Bxf4 gxf4 18.Nc3 Rg8 0.41/22
[18...0-0= -0.24/22]
19.Qf3± Now I want to go d4 and ♘e2 and White will be clearly better. **19...Qh6**
[19...Bf6 20.Ne2 Bxb2 0.76/23 *(20...Bd7!±* 0.34/21 *)* 21.Rab1→]
20.Kf1! Rg7?!
[20...Bd7 first makes more sense, and even thought White is better, the difference between both moves is quite important.]
21.d4 Bd7 22.Ne2 Bg5 0.58/21
[22...0-0-0!= 0.17/23]
23.Ba4! Threatens to win with d5. Forcing Black to weaken his queenside. Now White is much better. **23...b5**
[23...0-0-0 1.94/18 23...b5 0.85 24.d5±]
24.Bc2 Kf8 1.37/20
[24...a5! to avoid b4 looked necessary to me.]
[⌓24...a5 0.74/21]
25.b4!± f6 26.Bb3
[26.a4!?]
26...Re7 27.a4
[27.d5 letting Black play c5 Prevents Nd4. seemed unnecessary to me.]
27...bxa4 28.Rxa4 1.21/19
[After 28.Bxa4 Be8 1.74/19 I saw some ghosts but after *(28...Rae8±* 1.33/19 *)* 29.Qc3! White is just totally winning strategically, while Black cannot launch any attack.]
[Better is 28.Bxa4+- 1.68/20 Be8 29.Qc3]
28...Be8 29.Qd3 0.65/23 White is more active.
[29.Ra2!? with the idea of Bh5 30.Qc3 f3 31.gxf3 Be8 32.f4! Bxf4



33.Rd3! is much better for White.]
[29.Ra2± 1.21/21]
29...Qg6± 30.Nc3 Rb8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) .
Mistake: White=6
Black=4
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=6
Black=8
Best: White=2
Black=1
Strong: White=1
Black=2 And now, with 20 minutes on the clock, my opponent offered me a draw. I had already played couple of moves with 30 seconds each and felt like I had already made some mistakes. With

4 seconds on clock, I failed to see any concrete move, and took a draw out of panic, while our match was already won. But, of course, after the logical 31.♖da1 which I was intending to play before seeing some ghosts, White is much better. Somehow it looks amazingly obvious while looking at the position with "fresh eyes"! All I can say is that my opponent was stronger than me psychologically since he definitely felt like this was the right moment to slip in a draw offer!

[30...Rb8 1.02/19 30...d5 0.44



31.Rda1! a5 *(31...d5 32.Rxa7 dxe4 33.Qc4+-)* 32.Rxa5 Rxb4 33.Bc2±]

½-½

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□ **Postny,Evgeny** **2638**
■ **Pantsulaia,Levan** **2575**
Olympiad-40 Istanbul (10.3) 07.09.2012
[Postny,Evgeny, MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nd4 5.Ba4 Nxf3+ Levan Pantsulaia is a talented grandmaster, but has a narrow opening repertoire, playing practically nothing except the Benoni Defence against 1.d4.

[5...Qf6 6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.c3 Bb6 8.d4 Ne7 *(8...exd4 9.e5 Qh4 10.Nd2 dxc3 11.Nf3 Qd8 12.bxc3)* 9.dxe5 Qxe5 10.Re1]

[5...b5 6.Nxd4 bxa4 7.Nf5 g6 8.d4]

6.Qxf3 Ne7

[6...Qf6 7.Qc3 *(7.Qg3)* 7...Qe7 *(7...Bd4 8.Qxc7)* 8.d4 Bxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Qg3±* 1-0 Riazantsev,A (2682)-Cebalo,M (2500)/Biel 2010/CBM 137 Extra (27) *)* 9.Qxc7 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Bg5]

[6...Nf6 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 exd4 9.e5± 1-0 Postny,E (2651)-Cvitan,O (2541)/Sarajevo 2012/CB19_2012 (48) Ne8?! allows 10.Bc2 with decent play for Black. The theoretical pawn sacrifice doesn't yield Black equality: 10...d5 *(10...d6 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Qe4; 10...dxc3 11.Nxc3)* 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Qd3 Qh4 13.Nd2 Bb6 14.Qxd5]

[6...c6 7.Qg3

A) 7...Qf6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.d3

A1) 9...0-0 10.Bg5 Qg6 *(10...Qd6 11.Kh1)* 11.Qxe5 Bd6 12.Qd4 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qxg5 14.Qd6;

A2) 9...d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bd7 12.Be3;

B) 7...d6 8.Qxg7 Qf6 9.Qxf6 Nxf6

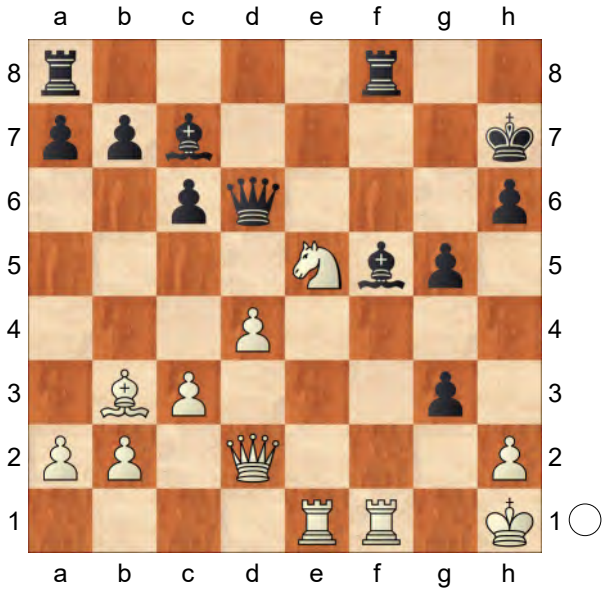
B1) 10.d3 Rg8 11.Kh1 Ng4 12.Kg1 Nf6 *(12...Rg6)*;

B2) 10.Nc3 Rg8 11.Kh1 a5 12.a3 *(12.Bb3 a4 13.Bxa4 Ng4 14.Kg1 Nf6)* 12...Be6 13.d3!± 1-0 Aronian,L (2805)-Gashimov,V (2761)/Wijk aan Zee 2012/CB04_2012 (48) Ke7]

7.Qc3 A couple of years ago I saw that White achieves promising positions and

results and decided to adopt this line as well. **7...Bd4 8.Qg3! Ng6! 9.c3**
[9.d3 0-0 *(9...c6)* 10.Nd2
A) 10...d5 11.Nf3 *(11.exd5* -0.51/20 11.Nf3 0.38 *f5!)* 11...dxe4 12.dxe4± 1-0 Turov,M (2636)-Bogut, Z (2441)/Sibenik 2012/CB39_2012 (41) Qd6;
B) 10...d6± 11.Nf3?! Bb6 12.h4 Kh8∞ 13.h5 *(13.Bb3* -0.34/21 13.h5 0.74 *f5)* 13...Ne7 14.h6 g6 15.Rd1]
9...Bb6 10.d4 The main point of this variation is to put the pawn on e3 and not on e4 as in other Benoni lines. This limits Black's possibilities for counterplay. **10...0-0**
[10...exd4 11.f4 Hoping for f5. *(11.Rd1 dxc3 12.Nxc3 c6* Prevents Nd5 *)* 11...c6 *(11...0-0* Strongly threatening ...f5. *12.f5)*
A) 12.Kh1 With the idea f5. 0-0 *(12...f5)* 13.f5+- Bc7 14.e5!+- Bxe5 would force me to find a clear plan. 15.Qe1! Qh4□ 16.g3 dominating. Qh3? 17.fxg6+- Bxg3! 18.gxf7+ Kh8! *(18...Rxf7? #2/28* 18...Kh8 0.00 *19.Qe8+)* 19.Qe2 And now Qg2 would win. Bxh2+- 20.Qg2 d5! 21.cxd4 Be5+ 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.Rf3! Bg4± 24.Rf1! Bh3 *(24...Bf6)*;
B) 12.Kh1= 0.14/23 keeps the balance.;
C) 12.f5 -0.78/23 12...dxc3+∓ 13.Kh1 Bc7 14.Qxc3 Qh4!+- 15.h3 *(15.g3?* -3.51/21 15.h3 -0.55 was more resistant, but, obviously, several precise moves should bring White a win. *Qxe4+)* 15...Ne7!+- 16.Nd2 *(16.Qxg7?* -2.97/23 16.Nd2 -0.51 *Rg8+-* *17.Qc3 d5)* 16...d5! 17.Nf3 Qg3! 18.Bg5 Rae1 is the strong threat. f6 19.Rae1 d4+- 0.00/26 *(19...fxg5?* 3.61/20 19...0-0 -0.55 *20.exd5* with inevitable mate.*;* Better is *19...0-0∓* -0.53/26 *20.Bh4 Qd6)* 20.Qxd4= fxg5+- 21.Bb3 -1.00/24 *(21.Qxg7=* 0.00/26 *Rg8 22.Qxh7)* 21...Bd7!∓ aiming for ...0-0-0. 22.Qxg7 0-0-0! 23.Qxe7? -3.29/22 *(23.Qxg5; 23.Qxg5∓* -1.01/24 *Rde8 24.Bf7)* 23...g4-+ 24.hxg4? -11.81/24 *(24.Qg7* -3.23/26 *gxf3* Discovered Attack *25.Qxg3 Bxg3 26.Re3 fxg2+ 27.Kxg2)* 24...h5!-+ 25.g5! h4]
11.f4 exf4
[Reject 11...exd4 12.f5±]
12.Bxf4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 I decided to deviate from my own game vs Cvitan, even though I was pretty satisfied with the outcome of the opening. **13...d6 14.Nd2 Be6?!N** A standard idea, but it doesn't work out well in this particular position.
[14...c5 15.d5 Bc7 16.Bd1]
15.Kh1! Normally White preserves the bishop on g3 or h2. However, it's not clear whether the bishop is useful there. The knight on e5 is also a worthy piece and prevents White's counterpart from occupying the excellent c4-outpost.
15...c6 16.Nf3 h6?! 0.29/23 Not the best route for the knight.
[16...f6! White's king easily escapes from checks.]
[⌓16...f6 -0.07/22]
17.Bc2= Qd7 18.e5 Black's expansion plays against him, White is the one who has grounds to attack on the kingside.
18...dxe5 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Qg3 f5! 21.Rae1 Bc7 22.Qh3 White has many attractive options, I tried to choose the one which gives Black as little

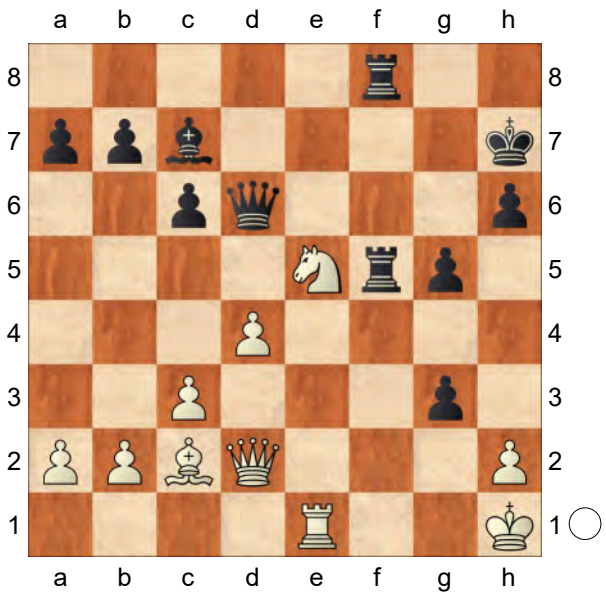
counterplay as possible. **22...f4** 1.60/19
[22...Rae8 23.Qh5 c5]
[Black should try 22...Rae8± 0.48/24]
23.Qd3± Bf5 24.Bb3+! Missing the opportunity to win material. **24...Kh7**
25.Qd2 1.17/22
[25.Qe2!+- 1.68/22]
25...g5? 3.04/23
[25...Rae8± 1.17/22 keeps fighting.]
26.g4+- Bc8
[26...fxg3



27.Rxf5! Rxf5 28.Bc2?! Having little time on move forty I wanted to play it safe, especially considering the unclear match situation. Raf8

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...Kg7!
29.Rf1! Qd5+! The last practical chance. 30.Qg2]
27.Qd3+ Kg7 28.Bc2?! Also here I missed a tactical chance. Suddenly I found myself in certain time-trouble, so I decided to play it safe. Strategically my position is still winning. **28...Rh8?!** Levan decided to open the b-file, but this also made my play easier. **29.Ng6**



Bxg4? 6.56/21
[29...Be6 2.72/22 30.Nxh8 Bd5+ 31.Kg1 Rxh8]
30.Re7++- Kf6 31.Rxc7 Black's play on the queenside is not effective, especially when his queen is stuck on the other side of the board. **31...Rhg8**
[31...Qxc7 32.Nxh8 Rxh8 9.62/23 *(⌓32...Qg7* 4.71/21 *33.Ng6 Be6)* 33.Qg6++- Ke7 34.Qg7+]
32.Ne5 Qxc7 33.Nxg4+ Ke7 34.Qh7+ Kd6? 35.Qxh6+
1-0

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□ **Kryvoruchko,Yuriy** **2666**
■ **Arsovic,Zoran** **2435**
EU-ch 13th Plovdiv (1) 20.03.2012
[Rotstein,Arkadij, MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.d3 Ne7 8.Bg5 0-0!? 9.Qh5 Be6 1.42/17
[The position is approximately equal after 9...h6 10.Bh4 *(10.Bxe7* 0.16/19 10.Nd2 0.54 *Qxe7 11.f4)* 10...Be6

0.90/24 *(10...Qe8± 0.53/22)*
11.Bxe6± ½-½ Guerrero Sanmarti,R (2216)-Lacasta Palacios,J (2165)/Sant Adria 2012/CBM 148 Extra (60)
White has nothing special after 11...fxe6!? 12.Qg4 Qd7 13.Nd2 Rae8 14.f4 d5 15.Rf3]
[9...h6± 0.52/23 10.Bh4 c6]

10.Qh4± White is more active. White is clearly better.
[10.Nd2! 0.27/21 10.Qh4 1.26 Bxc4 11.Nxc4± *(11.Bxe7!? Qxe7 12.Nxc4=)* 11...f6
A) 12.Bd2 b5= ½-½ Chytilek,R (2394)-Andonov,B (2328)/Czechia 2008/EXT 2010 or 13.Na5 Qd7 14.Rae1 Rae8 15.f4 -0.40/21 *(15.a3= 0.00/21)* 15...f5= 0.00/22 1-0 Mallahi,A (2420)-Peirovoulia,M (2185)/Teheran 2005/CBM 104 ext (32) *(15...Bb6∓ -0.40/21)*;
B) 12.Bh4 Qd7 13.a4 -0.48/17 *(13.Nd2= -0.02/11* is more appropriate. *)* 13...c6 -0.01/23 *(13...Rae8∓ -0.48/17* deserves consideration. *)* 14.Nd2 a5 15.Nb3 Bb6 16.h3 Rae8 17.Rfe1 d5]

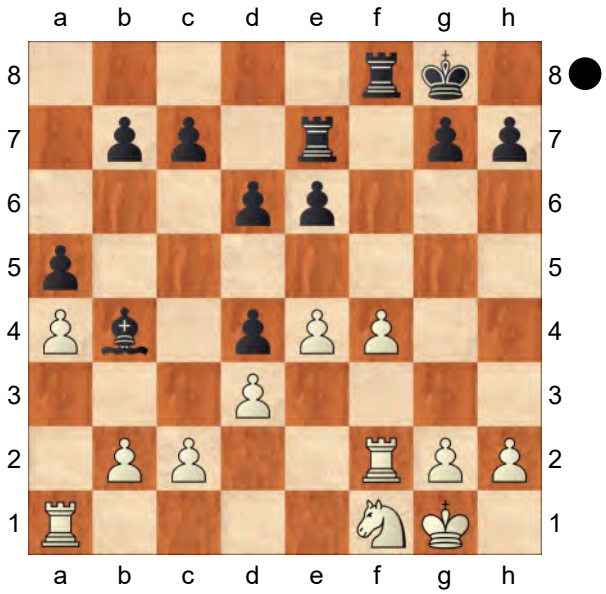
10...Re8 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Bxe7 0.82/21
[⌓13.Qg4 1.25/21]

13...Qxe7 14.Qxe7 0.46/23
[Better is 14.Qg4± 0.82/23]

14...Rxe7± 15.f4 a5 16.Rf2!?
[16.a4 Rf8 17.Rf2 0.04/25 *(17.g3±* 0.47/22 *)* 17...Bb4= 18.Nb3 *(18.Nc4+-* -0.30/27 18.Raf1 0.16 *Ref7 19.Raf1 c6; 18.Nf1* -0.84/23 18.g3 0.09

(Diagram)

Ref7! 19.g3 g5!=) 18...g6 19.Rc1



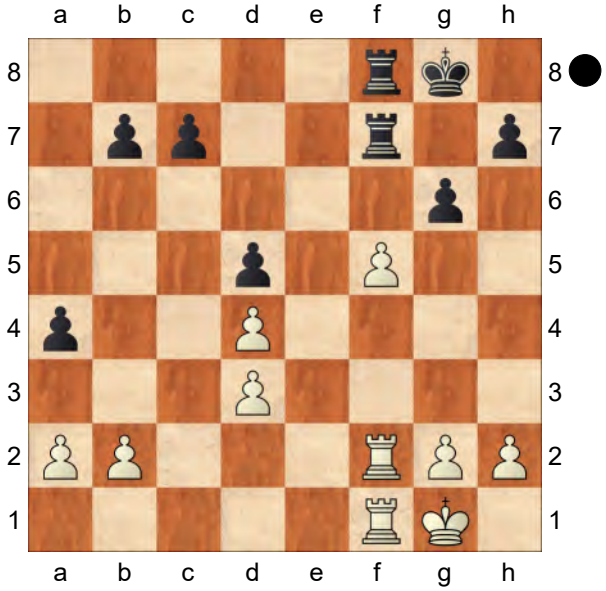
Ref7 20.c3 dxc3 21.bxc3 Bc5 22.d4 Bb6 23.Rcf1 e5?]

16...a4! 17.Nf1 0.02/23
[17.a3]
[17.Nf3± 0.47/20]

17...Rf8= The position is equal. **18.Ng3 d5 19.Raf1 Ref7 20.exd5 exd5 21.f5 Bd6 22.Ne2 g6 23.Nxd4**
[23.fxg6?! -4.61/23 23.Nxd4 0.00 Bxh2+!]
[23.g4 gxf5 24.gxf5 Be5±]

23...Bc5 24.c3 And now fxg6 would win.

24...Bxd4 25.cxd4



Strongly threatening fxg6. **25...Rxf5 26.Rxf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) .
Mistake: White=3
Black=1
OK: White=6
Black=7 . Loss on time!?
1-0

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□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij**
■ **Kula,Robert**
Dziedzic Memorial (3) 04.03.2012
[Arkadij Naiditsch]

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[More often White is choosing here 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 With maybe a little bit better position for White With maybe a little bit better position for White]
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7.Bb2 Bc5 8.c3! ! Here is the key of the White's move 6.b4 The current idea with sacrificing on b4 followed by Bb2 and c3 taking control over the center is nothing new. For example in the Italian opening we have it as well 1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4!? Here is the key of the White's move 6.b4 The current idea with sacrificing on b4 followed by Bb2 and c3 taking control over the center is nothing new. For example in the Italian opening we have it as well 1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.

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[8...Qf6 9.Qh5! ! It is important to have the Queen on h5 before playing cxd4, and soon we see why... It is important to have the Queen on h5 before playing cxd4, and soon we see why... Bb6 10.cxd4 Bxd4? ? *(10...c6 11.e5* and White is doing clearly better *)* 11.e5 Qb6 Diagram # 12.e6! ! and White is totally winning after this beautiful move]

9.cxd4 now pawns are equal and it is clear that Black didn't solve the opening problems now pawns are equal and it is clear that Black didn't solve the opening problems **9...Be7** the idea of Black is to sort of "blockade" the White Bishop on b2 by playing d5 move and then fulfill the development with Nf6 and O-O. the idea of Black is to sort of "blockade" the White Bishop on b2 by playing d5 move and then fulfill the development with Nf6 and O-O. **10.Ba4**

[another choice is to play here 10.Bd3 but it seems this move is too slow to give White any advantage but it seems this move is too slow to give White any advantage d5 11.e5 Nh6 12.Qc2 g6 and I think Black is doing fine here and I think Black is doing fine here]

10...d5 11.exd5 looks ugly, but probably good play. During the game I was very happy with my position looks ugly, but probably good play. During the game I was very happy with my position **11...Qxd5 12.Nc3!** ! Of course! The continuation of the idea "no mercy for the undeveloped one" :) Of course! The continuation of the idea "no mercy for the undeveloped one" :) **12...Qxd4** Diagram # this move I played very quickly, too quickly. **13.Qf3?!** ?! a logical move, I wanted to continue doing moves that should target something in the Blacks position, now it is the pawn on c6 plus I always have the idea of playing Nd5 in hand. a logical move, I wanted to continue doing moves that should target something in the Blacks position, now it is the pawn on c6 plus I always have the idea of playing Nd5 in hand.

[13.Re1! ! was the right one to continue White's initiative, Black is totally paralyzed, at Be6 14.Bb3! is very strong, White is taking the only protection figure of the e-file with a little hidden threat of playing Na4 and pawn on g7 is now a target Qd7 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qh5+ and it is obvious that just for a pawn White is achieving a very dangerous attack]

13...Qf6?!

[13...Bg4! a very strong move based on an exact calculation 14.Bxc6+ Kf8 15.Qe4 Qxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf6! The key idea of Black which me and my opponent both have missed. White is not able to take the pawn on b7

because of Rb8, and after a 17.Bc2 Rd8 Black is doing fine. The position is probably around equal]

14.Qg3 again not the best, stronger was 14.Qe3 with attack **14...Bd6** the move I was hoping for, but Black had a very hidden defence resource

[14...Nh6! after this super strong move the game would be open again

A) 15.Nd5 Qxb2 16.Nc7+ *(16.Rae1 0-0 17.Nxe7+ Kh8∓)* 16...Kd7 17.Nxa8 Bd6 and it seems that White's attack is coming to an end, Black is doing better;

B) 15.Bc2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.Rfe1∞]

15.Rae1+ Diagram # **15...Kf8**

[15...Ne7 16.Ne4! Finally the Knight is joining the attack Bxg3 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Bxf6±]

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[16.Qd3! and Black is almost helpless against the Whites next move Ne4]

16...Be6 17.Ne4 This move I played very quickly again and actually exactly following the line that I calculated, but Black had a big improvement on the way...

[17.Bb3 was clearly objectivly the better move for White. The evaluation of the position would stay the same, Black is a pawn up but White has a strong initiative for that]

17...Qxb2 18.Nxd6 Qb4 Diagram My opponent played this move very fast, maybe thinking I had blundered **19.Qe5** but this is what I was hoping for and answered almost instantly **19...Qxa4?** logical play, especially for rapid chess, but a decisive mistake. What we again missed is another Black's move

[19...Rd8! 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 g6! and Black is doing much better. How fast things can change in chess and what kind of difference a single move can make is amazing!]

20.Nf5! now all my ideas are coming true! The Pawn g7 is hanging. **20...Qg4**

[and after 20...Nf6 21.Qd6+ Kg8 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Ng6+ Kg8 24.Qf8+ Rxf8 25.Ne7# game would end with a very beautiful check-mate]

21.Qc5+

[21.Qd6+ Ke8 22.Rxe6+ fxe6 23.Qxe6+ Kf8 would not bring White more than a draw]

21...Ke8 22.Re4! White is bringing both rooks into the attack! **22...Qg6 23.Rb1!** Black is hopeless against the White threats. **23...Rb8** probably is losing on the spot, but what else to play? As a chess saying goes "in a bad position there are no good moves" **24.Qe5 Rd8 25.Rxb7 Nf6 26.Qc5 Nd5 27.Re7+!** a pretty finish of an exiting, not very high level but instructive game 1-0 (27) Naiditsch,A-Kula,R Dziedzic Memorial 2012 [Arkadij Naiditsch]

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□	**Naiditsch,Arkadij**	**2702**
■	**Kula,R**	**2341**
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[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence Shankland,Samuel: 'Early in my chess career, I was an e4 player. I had been told that it was the best match for my aggressive style. As I got more mature, I realized that I was feeling very at home against the Sicilian and the French, but I had no idea how to play against e5 (or

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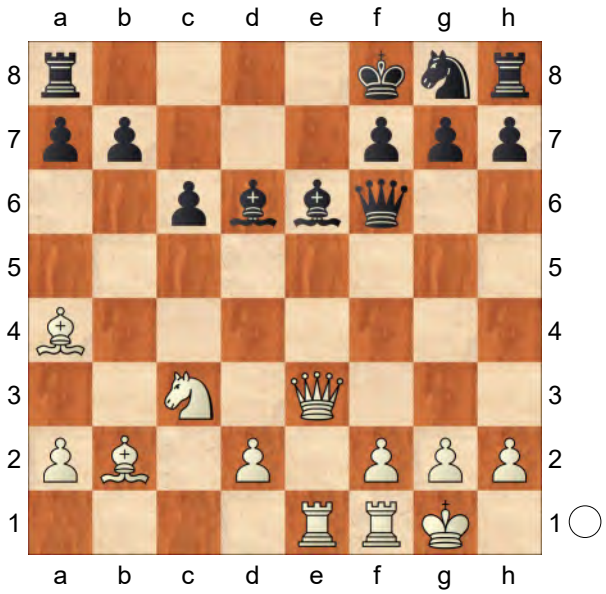
" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.b4 Bxb4**
[6...Bb6 7.c4 c6 8.Ba4 Ne7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nd2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Re1 Bc7 13.Nf3 Ng6 14.h3 h6 15.Bb2 Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qc8 17.Nxd4 Qxh3 18.Qf3 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Bg3+ 20.Kg1 Bh2+ 21.Kh1 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2719)-Salman,F (2693) Nefteyugansk 79/225 2000 (1) ½-½]

7.Bb2 0.00/20
[7.c3± 0.41/22 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4 21.Rab1 Ba5 22.Be3 Ne4 23.Rbd1 Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0]

7...Bc5 0.42/21
[7...Ne7= 0.00/20]
8.c3± c6N White is slightly better.
[8...dxc3 9.Nxc3 c6 10.Bc4 Bd4 11.Qa4 Nh6 12.Bxf7+ Nxf7 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Ne2 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 g6 16.f4 0-0 17.d3 Ruy Lopez-Bird'S Defence CILab114/06 2012]
9.cxd4 Be7 1.15/23
[⌓9...Bb6 0.74/23]
10.Ba4 0.55/22
[10.d5!± 1.15/23]
10...d5 11.exd5! Qxd5 1.44/23
[11...b5!± 0.53/21]
12.Nc3 0.85/22
[⌓12.Bb3 1.44/23 Qg5 13.Nc3]
12...Qxd4 13.Qf3 0.07/21 Wards off Nf6
[13.Re1!± 0.97/17]
13...Qf6 0.85/19
[13...Bg4!= 0.07/21 14.Bxc6+ Double Attack Kf8]
14.Qg3 -0.16/20
[14.Qe3!± 0.85/19]
14...Bd6? 1.97/22
[14...Nh6= -0.16/20 and Black stays safe.]
15.Rae1+ 1.40/22
[Better is 15.Qe3++- 1.97/22 Ne7 16.Nb5]
15...Kf8 2.28/21
[15...Ne7± 1.40/22 16.Nd5 Discovered Attack Bxg3 17.Bxf6 *(17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Bxf6 0-0±)* 17...gxf6 18.fxg3 *(18.Rxe7+ Kf8+-)* 18...Be6 19.Nc7+ *(19.Rxf6? Nxd5 20.Rh6 b5-+; 19.Nxf6+ Kf8±)* 19...Kd7 20.Nxe6 *(20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.Bb3 Nd5±)* 20...fxe6]
16.Qe3? 0.45/21
[White has to play 16.Qd3!+- 2.28/21 Qg6 17.Ne4]
16...Be6!

(Diagram)



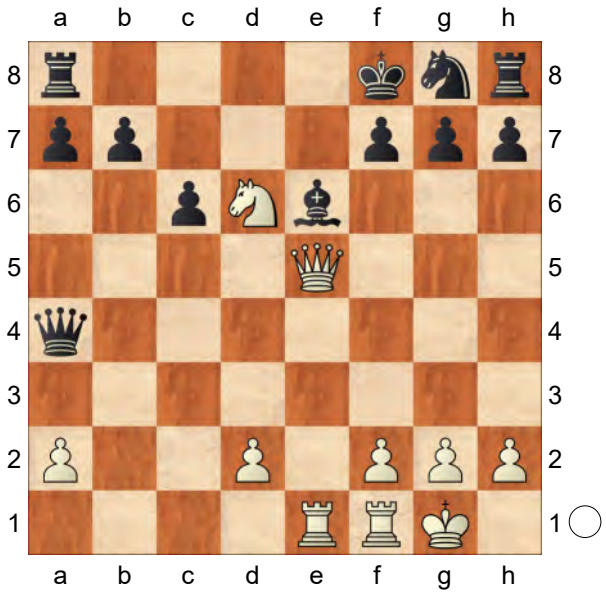
17.Ne4? -1.76/21
[17.Bb3!± 1.00/15 keeps the pressure on. Bxb3 18.axb3]
17...Qxb2-+
[17...Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qxb2 19.Nc5±]
18.Nxd6 Bb3 is the strong threat.
18...Qb4
[18...Qxa2 19.Ra1 Qd5 20.Nxb7±]
19.Qe5 Qxa4 3.28/30
[19...Rd8!-+ -1.95/24 20.Nf5 Bxf5 *(20...Qxa4? 21.Qc7+-)* 21.Qxf5 Nf6 *(21...Qxa4 22.Qc5+)*]

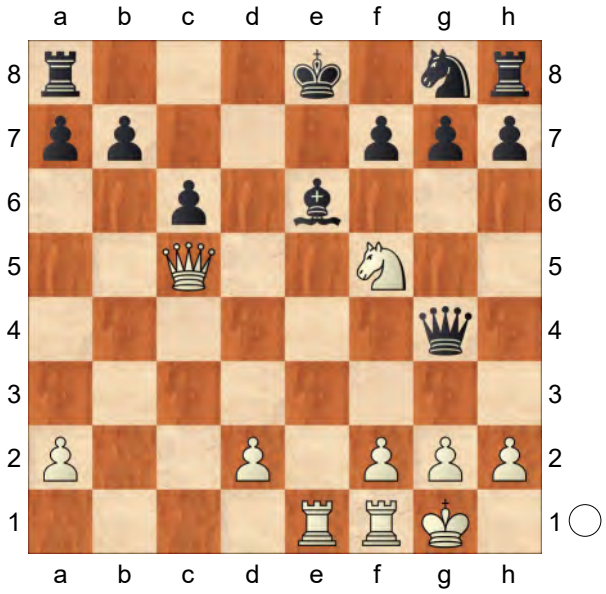
(Diagram)

20.Nf5+- Qg4
[20...Qxa2? 21.Qxg7+ *(21.Nxg7 Rd8+-)* 21...Ke8 22.Qxh8+-]
21.Qc5+ Ke8

(Diagram)

22.Re4!! Decoy **22...Qg6** aiming for ... Rd8. **23.Rb1↑** White has good play.
23...Rb8 3.41/24
[Black should play 23...Qf6± 0.66/22





24.Rf4 Bxa2 *(24...Bxf5? 25.Rxf5 b6 26.Qe3+ Qe7 27.Re5+- Pin)* 25.Re1+ *(25.Nd6+ Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Bxb1±)* 25...Be6 *(25...Kd7? 26.Rd4+ Kc7 27.Nd6+-)* 26.Nd6+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack Kd7 27.Rxf6 gxf6]

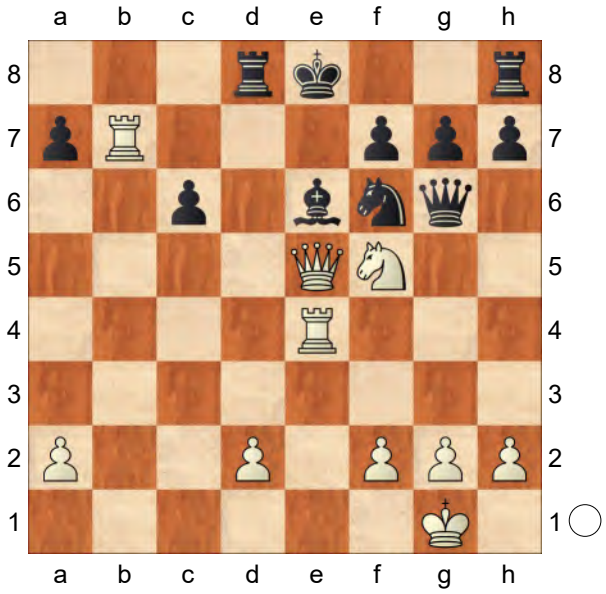
24.Qe5 Rd8 Strongly threatening ...b6.

25.Rxb7 White wants to mate with Qc5.

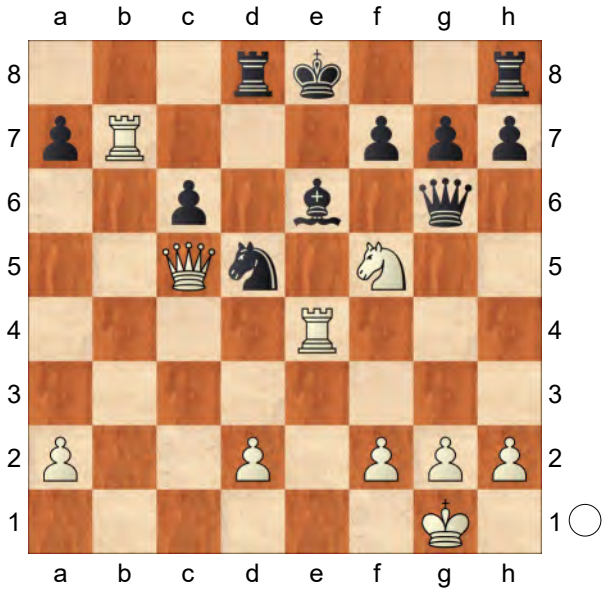
25...Nf6? #5/18

[Stronger than 25...Rxd2 26.Qb8+ *(26.Nxg7+ Qxg7 27.Rb8+ Ke7=)* 26...Rd8 27.Nd6+ Kf8 28.Qxd8#]

[25...Qf6+- 2.80/21]



26.Qc5! Double Attack **26...Nd5**



27.Re7+!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.85.
Loses game: White=1 Black=2
Missed win: White=1 Black=1
Mistake: White=6 Black=6
OK: White=8

Black=6
Best: White=2
Black=2
Strong: White=1
Black=1
1-0

C61
□ **Aronian,Levon 2808**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander 2747**
Candidates Tournament (1.1) 05.05.2011
[Caruana,Fabiano, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 Caruana,F **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4** Already a surprise! Although Grischuk has played the King's Indian many times before, I don't remember having seen him play the Grünfeld.
4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6
[I would prefer 5...Bc5 , which prepares ...♘c4. If 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 Black will be able to make a draw because of the poor position of the knight on a3. 8.Bb3 is met by]
6.Bc4 Nf6 7.d3
[7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 9.h3 Ne5 10.d3 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
7...d5
[7...d6 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.a3 Nd7 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 b6 16.Bd2 Bf6 17.Ba2 Rb8 18.Rab1 b5 19.Bb3 h6 20.Be1 b4 21.Qf5 Bg5 22.h4 10.♘c3 ♗e6 11.♘e5 f6 (2336)-Peek,M (2269) tm Russia 1960 (1) 1-0]
8.Bb3N 0.29/22
[8.exd5± 0.71/24 Nxd5 9.Re1+ *(9.Nd2 Be6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.f4 f5 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.Qf3 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Qe2 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Rf6 20.Rd1 Rd6 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxf5 Qf6 23.g4 Rd8* 2.c4 e5-6. 0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Levice Toth Memorial 2019 (3) 0-1 *)* 9...Be7 *(9...Be6 10.Qh5 Qd7 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.Nd2 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Rac1* Nd4 Bird-5...c6 #3 *)* 10.Bg5]
8...Bc5 9.Bg5
[9.exd5 Nxd5 keeps control.]
9...dxe4 10.dxe4 0.17/20
[10.Nd2! would have won easily. Of course, it is very easy to say this while looking at a computer, while over the board things are never so simple. exd3 *(10...0-0 11.Nxe4* wins. Now *11...Be7* is met by *12.Re1* , threatening ...Kc3. This is the reason the rook had to be on b1! After *12...a5 13.a4! Nxe4* White will continue with ♔b6 and win. I see no reason to avoid *14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Rxe4* , which forces 53...♖c5 and therefore gains a tempo compared to the game. Instead *15...Qf6!* , just wins on the spot. There are actually no variations to calculate: White will pick up the a3-pawn with ♔b3, and Black cannot do anything at all! I quite like *16.Qe2!?* , which supports the bishop on d4 and prepares ♖a4, attacking a6. After*; 10...0-0* White has the option between the simple 31.e5 or Caruana, F: 'White has the choice between the simple 31.e5 and' *11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Re1! a5 13.a4!; 10...Be7 11.Nxe4* , although I imagine it isn't easy to

calculate this variation. It would be better to place the knight on a nice outpost with *11...Nxe4* , when *12.Bxe7* is met by the strong manouver Caruana,F: 'is met by the strong manoeuvre' *Qxe7! 13.Re1! 0-0!* , with equality. In case you were wondering, I didn't find that variation myself.... *)* 11.Re1+ , and Black's pawns are not strong enough to make a draw. Be7! 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh5 0-0

A) 14.cxd3 -0.13/23 14.Nf3 0.72 Bb4 15.Re4 -0.40/21 *(15.Re2!=* -0.04/22 *)* 15...Qa5!;

B) 14.Nf3!]

[10.Nd2± 0.63/23]

10...h6= A rare move, which was played by Vishy Anand against Veselin Topalov in their World Championship match. At first I was s2eptical, but later I came to appreciate this move, which does little to challenge the centre, but solves the problem of where to put Black's light-squared bishop, which often can't find a good place. In comparison, the very popular 10...♗d7 looks really weird to me - I just can't understand what the bishop is doing there.

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12.Bg3 Bg4 0.53/25

[12...Qe7 13.Nd2 h5 0.89/23 *(13...Bg4±* 0.42/22 *14.f3 Bc8)* 14.h4!± *(14.h3* 0.50/23 14.h4 0.99 *Be6* decoys the knight on e6. *)*

A) 14...Ng4 1.81/19 14...Bg4 0.89 And a draw! Black will just trade pawns with ...g4 and come back with his king in time. This was an extremely exciting game. Aronian played the first half of the game in great style and slowly improved a slightly better position. However, in the second half he began making many mistakes and missing win after win. Grischuk, on the other hand, defended extremely tenaciously after his initial unconvincing play. It will be interesting to see how the results of this game will affect the rest of the match - if Aronian will be put on the

defensive after this disappointing draw. 15.Nf3! would have won. White just threatens to play c7. gxh4 16.Bxh4 , and Black can't stop c7. Qc7 2.52/21 *(16...Qd6* 1.67/19 is a better defense. *17.Qd3 Bd7)* 17.e5;

B) 14...Bg4 A very calm positional move. Actually, this works reasonably well, but why not just take the knight immediately? 15.f3 Hoping for e5. Be6? The dramatic end of a long and difficult game. Levon once again had the win at his fingertips, but let it slip. With just one move he could have ended Black's stiff resistance. It's interesting to understand what he missed; I would venture to guess that he felt the pawn ending would be winning without calculating any details. This often happens after several hours of play - laziness sets in and you don't feel up to calculating variations. 16.hxg5 Nd7]

[12...Nxe4? 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rxe4+-]

[12...h5= 0.10/23]

13.f3

[13.Qd3 Qe7! 14.h3 aiming for e5. Be6 15.Nd2 0-0-0]

13...Bh5 An interesting moment. Black also has the option of playing 13...♕c6, a move preferred by the computer.

14.Nd2 Bg6N A novelty, but an extremely obvious one. I can't imagine Levon overlooking this in his preparation, but I'm not sure what he missed, because Black got a perfect position in a few moves. **15.Nc4** 0.13/22 White is trying to block the g7-bishop by playing f4 and e5. Unfortunately, he will never get the chance.

[15.f4± 0.60/22 might be stronger.]

15...Qe7= Of course! This is why Black postponed playing ...a6.

16.e5 Again Levon decides to grab a pawn, only this time he had no choice.

[16.Ne5 Nh5 17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Bf2 Nf4]

16...Nh5 17.Nd6+ White has to continue placing his pieces on strange squares to try to justify his risky opening strategy.

17...Kf8 18.f4!

[18.Bf2 Qxe5 19.Nc4 Qf6∓]

18...gxf4

[18...d3+ White is forced to make this awkward move as a result of his last mistake. It seems like every move Grischuk gets more and more chances to save the game! 19.Kh1! Bxd6 20.exd6 Nxg3+ 21.hxg3 Qxd6 22.f5 Bh7 23.Qf3]

[18...d3+ is more complex. 19.Kh1 Nxg3+ 20.hxg3 Bxd6 21.exd6 Qe2]

19.Bxf4

[19.Bf2? -0.85/20 19.Bxf4 0.18 Another mistake making White's task more difficult. Qxe5]

19...Nxf4 Now Black has a great outpost for his knight. After a few small fireworks, the position has stabilized. White is up a pawn and the bishop is holding his shaky pawn structure together from d4. However, all Black's pieces are perfectly placed and he should have full positional compensation.

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' **20.Rxf4** From here the queen will go to e3 or f4. **20...Qxe5?!** 2.87/24
I don't like this move, although objectively it's not such a bad one. Black is down a pawn and decides to go into an endgame - where's the logic in that? Instead, simple play would have sufficed.
[20...Bxd6 21.exd6 Qe3+!
Now White has to win the game over again. Black's pieces are very active, and White seems tied down to the defence of c6.
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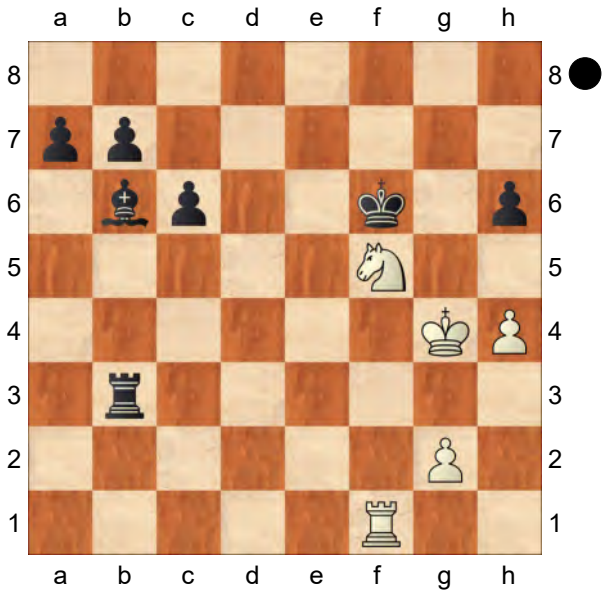
' 22.Rf2 Black must now prevent Qf1. Kg7 23.Qf1 Rae8! 24.Rd1
c3! would now be deadly. d3 25.Kh1
Again tiredness is playing a role. Rhf8 26.cxd3 And now d4 would win. Qd4]
[20...Bxd6= 0.00/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.exd6 Qe3+ 22.Rf2 d3]
21.Nxf7?? -3.04/25
[21.Rxf7+! Bxf7 22.Nxf7?
A strange mistake. I imagine both players were already tired at this point. Levon has played the game perfectly up to this point, but now he allows unnecessary counterplay.]
[21.Rxf7+!+- 2.87/24 Bxf7 22.Nxf7 d3+ *(22...Qe3+? 23.Kh1+-)* 23.Kh1 Qxb2 24.Nxh8 Qxh8 25.Qf1+ *(25.cxd3 Qf6=)* 25...Ke7 26.Qf7+ Skewer *(26.cxd3 Rf8∓)* 26...Kd8 27.Rf1]
21...Qxf4-+ 22.Nxh8 Be8 23.Qf1 Qxf1+ 24.Rxf1+ Although White's advantage is not large and is very hard to convert, the defensive task is unpleasant, especially against such a strong technical player as Levon.
24...Kg7 25.Nf7 d3+? This is where things really start to go wrong for Black. I'm not sure what Grischuk was trying to achieve with this move, which simply puts the knight on a useless square.
26.Kh1 Levon sees that his rook is attacked and decides to move it. A good decision. **26...dxc2** Threatens to win with ...Be3. Grischuk is preventing ♖b7, but his play seems too slow. White is starting to consolidate his position.
27.Ne5 Rd8 28.Bxc2
Aronian continues playing simply and strongly. This is how the top players play: operating with logical, harmonious moves! **28...Rd2 29.Bb3 Re2**
This move, which doesn't seem to have much of an idea at all, is a clear sign that Black's position has gone very wrong. White is just a pawn up, with well-placed pieces.
[29...Rxb2 30.Nd3 Rxb3 31.axb3±]
30.Nd3 White has an enormous variety of options at this point (which is actually more of a disadvantage than anything else!), most of which are of near equal value. Aronian's move is very reasonable, but he may have had a stronger alternative. **30...Bd4** -1.12/24
[Black should try 30...Bd6-+ -1.78/22 ...Bg6 is the strong threat. 31.Kg1 Bg6]
31.Nf4∓ Wards off Bg6 **31...Rf2**
[31...Rxb2? 32.Ne6+ Kh7 33.Nxd4+-]
32.Ne6+ -1.93/24
[32.Rxf2∓ -1.12/27 Bxf2 33.Bd1]
32...Kf6-+ 33.Re1 Bb6
[33...Bxb2 34.Nc5 Bg6 35.h4=]
34.h4 -2.81/21
[Wrong is 34.Nf8? Ba5 35.Rd1 b5-+ *(35...Rxb2? 36.Nd7+ Ke7 37.Ne5-+)*]

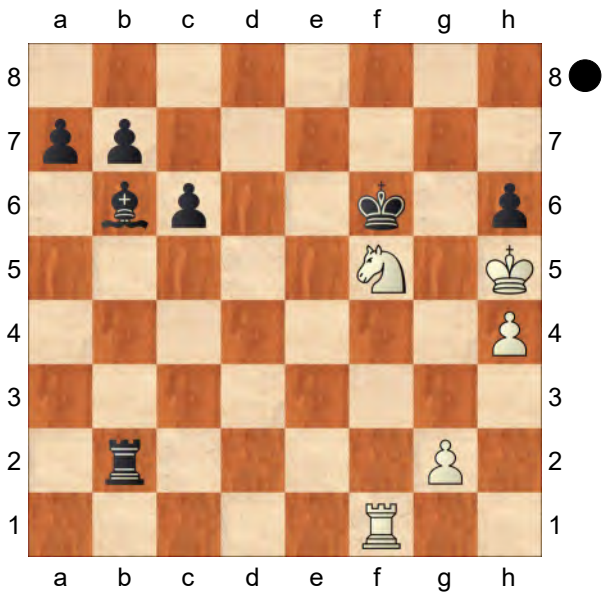
[⌓34.g4 -1.91/19]
34...Bh5
[34...Rxb2 35.Nf4 Bd7 36.Nd3=]
35.Kh2 White begins pushing his pawns. Black can't do much about it at all. In such situations the best thing to do is wait and hope your opponent gives you a chance for counterplay. **35...Rxb2 36.Kh3 Bf7** This pair of bishops is nice. **37.Rf1+ Ke7 38.Nd4 Bxb3 39.Nf5+ Kf6** -2.54/19
[⌓39...Ke6 -4.47/23 40.axb3 Rxb3+ 41.Kg4 Rb2]
40.axb3 Rxb3+ KRB-KRN **41.Kg4**



Rb2! 42.Kh5? -5.27/20
[42.Nxh6+ -2.71/19 Kg6 43.Nf5 Rxg2+ 44.Kh3]

(Diagram)

42...Rf2! Black is clearly winning.
[42...Rxg2? is the wrong capture. 43.Ne3+ *(43.Nxh6+? Ke6-+)* 43...Ke5 44.Nxg2+-]
43.Rxf2 Bxf2 44.g4 a5 45.Nxh6 a4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.21 (precise) .



Loses game: ---
Black=1
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=5
Black=3
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=13
Black=12
Best: White=3
Black=9
Strong: White=1
Black=2 . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61
□ **Korneev,Oleg** **2558**
■ **Llaneza Vega,Marcos** **2514**
San Sebastian op 33rd (8) 03.04.2010
[Marin,Mihail<MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' **1.e4** Marin,M **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.d3N** 0.14/20
[6.0-0!± 0.55/24 is superior. Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ *(7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Re1+ Be7*

9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6 11.b3 g6 12.Ba3 Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5 17.f5 gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5 Ra6 20.Nc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qc7 4.a3Ba6/ 10.Be2 (2622)-Luba,L (2398) 72/(461) Bratislava 1998 (4.1) 1-0 *)* 7...Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 14.b3 Bb6 15.Bb2 c5 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.Rfe1 d5 18.Qe7+ Qf7 19.b4 Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ Kf8 21.Rce1 Open Spanish Main line 12.Nb3 (2345)-6.♘1e2 ♘f6 7.♘f4 e5 (2420) Centrocoop Sept op 1999 1-0] [6.Qe2 Bc5 7.e5 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.0-0 Ra6 15.Rae1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4 18.Re2 Re7 19.Qf3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Re6* 7. -Meier,E (2575) Teplice 1982 0-1 *)* 7...0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5 b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Linares 47/(399) 1989]

6...d5= 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Black must now prevent Qh5. White has an edge.

8...Be7 9.Re1

[9.Qf3 c6 10.Nd2 *(*White cannot take advantage of the doubled pawns after *10.Bxd5 cxd5 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nb3 Bf6 13.Bf4* Against Qc7. next Rae1 is good for White. *a5 14.a4* Threatening Rfe1. *Be6 15.Qe2* The only way to attack d4: White plans ♗e5. *Re8!* Taking defensive measures in advance. *16.Be5 Bd7 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 f6 19.Nxd4 Rxe5 20.Qf2 Qc7=)* 10...0-0 11.Ne4 Be6 12.Bd2 *(12.Re1 Qd7 13.Ng5* Nxe6 is the strong threat. *Bxg5 14.Bxg5* Roederer,K (2215)-Pisk,P (2250)/Brno 1994/EXT 1997 (0-1, 82) *Rae8 15.Qg3* And now Bxd5 would win. *f6 16.Bd2 Bf7=)* 12...Qd7= Deviatkin,A (2528)-Feoktistov,A (2423)/playchess.com INT 2006/EXT 2007 (0-1, 57)]

9...Be6 10.Nd2

[10.c3?! -0.44/23 10.Qh5 0.40 Bf6 11.cxd4 Bxd4 Allows Black to activate the pieces too much. 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qb3? -2.76/21 *(14.Qc2∓* -0.31/19 *)* 14...Bxf2+!-+ 15.Kxf2 Qh4+ 16.Ke2 *(16.Kf1 Bxg2+ 17.Kxg2 Qxe1→)* 16...Rae8+ 17.Be3 Rxe3+ 18.Kxe3 Re8+ 19.Kd2 Qf2+-+ Fargere,F (2489)-Rapport,R (2509)/Chur 2010/CBM 136 Extra (0-1, 41)]

10...0-0 11.Ne4 0.00/20 Black has stabilised his space advantage, but White intends to play in hyper-modern style, using the squares and diagonals left available by Black's pawns.

[11.Qh5± 0.38/15 should be considered.]

11...Re8

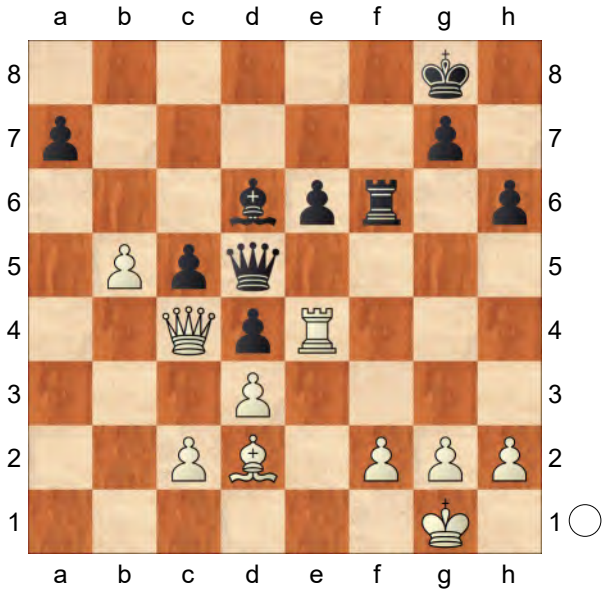
[11...h6 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Ng3 Rfe8 0.68/19 *(13...c6* Strongly threatening ...Bg4. *14.Bd2 Rae8 15.h3* Prevents Bg4 *Bd6 16.Nh5 f5∞; 13...c6=* 0.00/21 *)*

A) 14.Rxe6!? -0.43/17 14.Nh5 0. 86 fxe6 15.Qg4 Kh7 -0.06/15 *(15...Kh8∓* -0.42/17 *)* 16.Qxd4⩲;

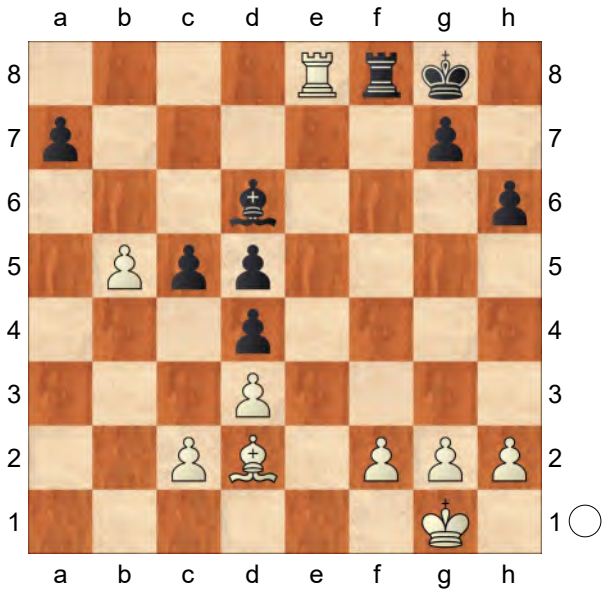
B) 14.Nh5!± 0.68/19;

C) 14.Bd2 0.25/18 14...b5 0.61/11 *(14...c6=* 0.25/18 *15.Re4 Bc5)* 15.Bb3± Rac8 1.07/17 *(15...c6±* 0.61/15 *16.h3 Kh8)* 16.Nh5↑ Skinke,K (2200)-Jirka,J (2440)/ Pardubice 2009/CBM 131 Extra (1-0, 32)]

12.a3 c6 13.Qh5 Nf6!? 0.53/22
A simple way to release the tension.
[13...b5= -0.13/20 14.Bb3 Qd7]
14.Nxf6+± Bxf6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Qe2 Qd5 White has managed to cause some structural damage to his opponent, but Black's space advantage and stability in the centre are hard to challenge. Besides, White does not have a minor piece which can occupy the excellent e4-square. Chances are about equal.
18.Bd2 Re8 19.b3 Be7 20.a4 Bd6 21.Re1 Qc5 22.Qd1 b5 Black even becomes ambitious, but the position remains equal.
23.b4 0.30/15 I am a bit sceptical about placing a pawn on a dark square.
[Better is 23.h4± 0.72/9]
23...Qd5= 24.Qa1 Rf8
[24...a6!? 25.axb5 axb5 26.Re4 e5=]
25.Re4 Hoping for axb5. **25...bxa4**
An unnecessary strategic concession.
[25...e5!? 26.axb5 cxb5 27.Qxa7? -4.90/29 *(27.Be1=* 0.27/24 *)*
27...Ra8-+ 28.Qd7 aiming for f4. Qxe4!-+]
26.Qxa4± White finally has something to play for.
[26.Qxd4 c5 27.Qa1 cxb4 28.Bxb4 Bxb4 29.Rxb4 Qc5=]
26...c5 1.11/20
[26...Rf7± 0.49/20]
27.b5 0.59/14
[27.Qxa7? is the wrong capture. Ra8-+]
[27.bxc5!± 1.11/20 Bxc5 28.Bf4]
27...h6 28.Qc4
[28.Qxa7? loses. Ra8 29.b6
(29.Qb6? Qxe4 30.f4 Qd5-+)
29...Rxa7-+]
28...Rf6 0.97/20
[28...Qxc4± 0.53/22 29.dxc4 Kf7]

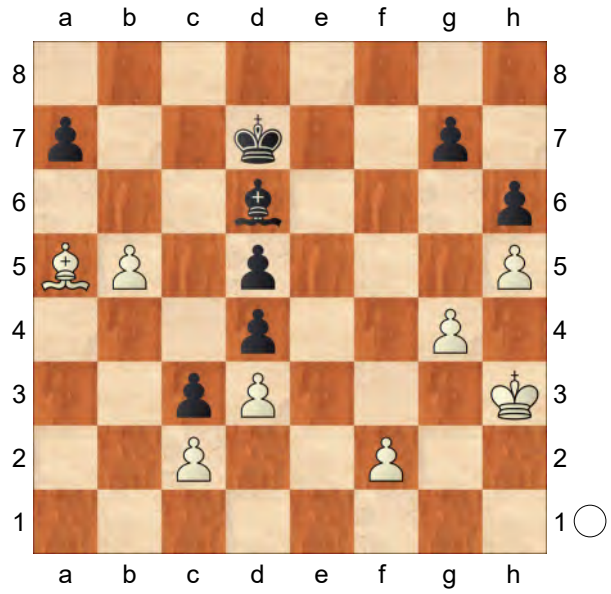


29.Qxd5!± exd5 Endgame. KRB-KRB
30.Re8+ Rf8 1.59/24
[⌓30...Bf8 0.97/22]



31.Rxf8+! Kxf8 KB-KB **32.g4** 0.61/21
[White should try 32.f4± 1.48/23]
32...c4 2.04/27
[32...Ke7± 0.61/21]
33.Ba5? 0.28/25
[33.h4+- 2.04/27]
33...Ke7 34.Kg2 Kd7 0.61/12

[34...Ke6= 0.17/19]
35.h4± c3? 4.31/29
[35...Ba3!± 0.53/15]
36.h5+- White is clearly winning.
36...Kc8 6.12/26
[⌓36...Ke6 4.31/26 37.b6 axb6 38.Bxb6 Be5]
37.Kh3 Kd7



38.g5! hxg5
[38...Be7 39.gxh6]
39.Kg4 Bf4 40.Kf5 Ke7 41.Bb4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.46.
Loses game: --- Black=1
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=4 Black=7
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1
OK: White=12 Black=6
Best: White=2 Black=1
Strong: White=2 ---
1-0

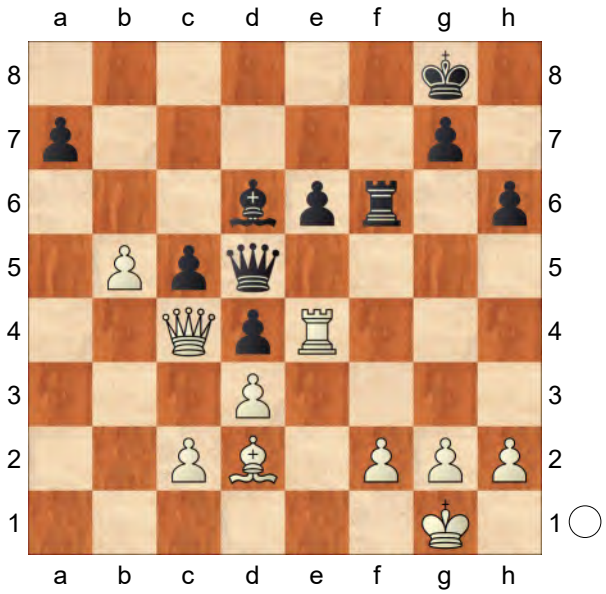
C61
□ **Filippov,Leonid** **2558**
■ **Makarenko,Alexandra** **2514**
Runner- 3.Bb5 (8) 03.04.2010
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.d3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1
[9.Qf3 c6 10.Nd2 *(10.Bxd5 cxd5 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nb3 Bf6 13.Bf4 a5 14.a4 Be6 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Be5 Bd7 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 f6 19.Nxd4 Rxe5 20.Qf2 Qc7)* 10...0-0 11.Ne4 Be6 12.Bd2 *(12.Re1 Qd7 13.Ng5* Nxe6 would now be deadly. *Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Rae8 15.Qg3* White wants to play Bxd5. *f6 16.Bd2 Bf7)* 12...Qd7]
9...Be6 10.Nd2
[10.c3 -0.63/15 10.Qh5 0.38 Bf6 -0.19/23 *(10...dxc3∓* -0.63/15 should be considered. *11.bxc3 c6)* 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qb3? -3.13/23 *(*White should play *14.Qc2∓* -0.33/19 *)* 14...Bxf2+!-+ 15.Kxf2 Qh4+ 16.Ke2? -4.02/22 *(16.Kf1 Bxg2+ 17.Kxg2 Qxe1; 16.Kf1∓* -1.50/16 was the only defense. *Bxg2+ 17.Ke2 Rae8+ 18.Be3 Rxe3+ 19.Kxe3 Re8+ 20.Kd2 Qf2+* Deflection *21.Kc3 Rxe1 22.Rd1)* 16...Rae8+ 17.Be3 Rxe3+ 18.Kxe3 Re8+ 19.Kd2 Qf2+]
10...0-0 11.Ne4 Re8
[11...h6 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Ng3
A) 13...c6 aiming for ...Bg4. 14.Bd2 Rae8 15.h3! Inhibits Bg4. Bd6 0.38/15 *(15...f5=* 0.00/13 deserves consideration. *)* 16.Nh5 0.02/12 *(16.Re2±* 0.38/15 was preferrable. *)* 16...f5;
B) 13...c6= 0.00/21;

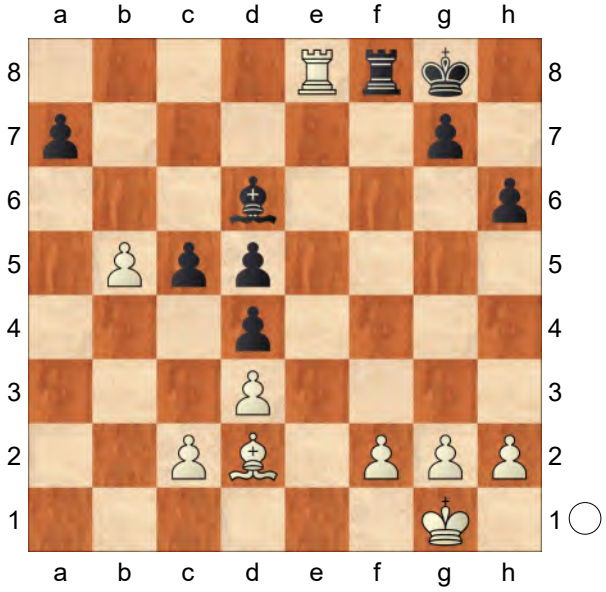
C) 13...Rfe8 0.59/16
C1) 14.Rxe6 -0.40/19
14.Nh5 0.67 fxe6 15.Qg4 Kh7 -0.08/17 *(15...Kh8∓ -0.46/18)* 16.Qxd4;
C2) 14.Nh5± 0.59/16;
C3) 14.Bd2 0.04/19 14...b5 0.62/20 *(14...c6!= 0.04/19 15.Re4 f5)* 15.Bb3± Rac8 1.16/18 *(*Black should try *15...c6±* 0.59/19 *16.h3 Bd6)* 16.Nh5]

12.a3 -0.12/19
[⌓12.Qf3 0.25/20]
12...c6 13.Qh5 Nf6 0.36/21
[13...b5= -0.04/22 14.Bb3 Qd7]
14.Nxf6+± Bxf6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Qe2 Qd5 18.Bd2 Re8 19.b3 Be7 20.a4 Bd6 21.Re1 Qc5 22.Qd1 b5 23.b4 0.25/22
[23.h4± 0.62/20]
23...Qd5= 24.Qa1 Rf8
[24...a6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Re4 e5]
25.Re4 bxa4
[25...e5 26.axb5 cxb5 27.Qxa7? -5.06/28 *(27.Re2=* 0.28/23 *)* 27...Ra8-+ 28.Qd7 Black must now prevent f4. Qxe4]
26.Qxa4
[Don't play 26.Qxd4 c5 27.Qe3 a3= *(27...cxb4 28.Bxb4 Rb8 29.Qe1=)*]
26...c5 1.06/21
[26...h6± 0.57/21 might be stronger.]
27.b5 0.42/20
[27.Qxa7? too greedy. Ra8-+]
[27.bxc5!± 1.06/21 Bxc5 28.Bf4]
27...h6 28.Qc4
[28.Qxa7? perishes. Ra8-+]
28...Rf6 1.10/19
[Better is 28...Kf7± 0.37/23]

(Diagram)



29.Qxd5!± exd5 30.Re8+ Rf8



31.Rxf8+! Kxf8 32.g4 0.90/24
[⌓32.f4 1.26/20]
32...c4 2.31/26
[32...Ke7± 0.90/24]
33.Ba5? 0.22/29
[33.Kg2+- 2.31/26]
33...Ke7= 34.Kg2 Kd7 35.h4 c3? 3.24/27
[35...g6!± 0.40/25]
36.h5+- Kc8? 5.86/26
[36...Ke7 2.77/23 37.b6 axb6 38.Bxb6 Be5]

37.Kh3 2.56/22
[⌓37.Kf3 5.86/26 Strongly threatening g5! Kb7 38.g5]
37...Kd7? 5.75/24
[37...Kb7 2.56/22 is tougher. 38.g5 a6 39.bxa6+ Kxa6 40.gxh6 gxh6]
38.g5+- hxg5 39.Kg4 Bf4 40.Kf5 Ke7 41.Bb4+
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C61
□ **Lopez Martinez,Josep Manuel 2548**
■ **Sokolov,Ivan 2638**
11th EICC Men (3) 08.03.2010
[Van Delft/Ris,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
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''' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5
[5...c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 *(6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.c4!* Kasparov-Khalifman, Moskou rapid 2002 *)* 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4! 9.h3 Ne5 10.Bf1?! *(10.d3! Nxc4 11.dxc4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Be7 13.Bf4±* NCO, Khalifman *)* 10...d3 11.Re3 g5! 12.Bxd3 g4! 13.Be2 gxh3 14.g3!?N *(14.d4 hxg2 15.Rg3)* 14...Bh6 15.d4 Bxe3 16.Bxe3 Ng6 17.Bd3 h5 18.Kh2 Qe7 19.Nd2 Bg4 20.f3 Bd7 21.Qe2 0-0-0 22.Rg1 Rde8 23.f4 Bg4 24.Qf2 f5 25.e5 Qd7 26.Nc4 dxe5 27.fxe5 Nxe5 28.dxe5? *(28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.dxe5 Qxd3 30.Bxa7⇄)* 28...Qxd3 29.Nd6+ Kd7 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Bf4 Ke6 32.Be3 b6 33.Qf4 Rd8 34.Qh6+ Kd5 35.c4+ Qxc4 36.Bf2 Qc2 37.Qe3 c5 38.e6 Re8 39.Re1 Kc6 40.Qf4 Qxb2 41.e7 Qxa2 42.Re5 Kb5 43.Qe3 Rxe7 44.Rxc5+ Ka6 45.Qd3+ Kb7 46.Rc2 Qe6 47.Qa3 Qe4 0-1 Van Delft-Scheerer, Hamburg 2010]
[5...h5!? 6.c3! *(6.d3 Bc5* transposes to 5...Bc5 6.d3 h5 *)* 6...Bc5 7.cxd4 *(7.Na3!?* followed by cxd4 and Nc2 (Moll). *)* 7...Bxd4 8.Nc3
A) 8...Qh4 9.Qa4!? *(9.Nd5? Nf6!* Faika*; 9.Ne2!? Bb6 10.d4)* 9...Bb6 *(9...c5 10.Ne2 Qxe4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Re1+ Kf8 13.Qxd4 cxd4 14.b3 Nf6 15.Ba3+ Kg8 16.Rac1±; 9...Be5 10.g3 Qh3 11.Rd1 c5 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nd5±)* 10.Nd5 Nf6 11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.f3**±**;
B) 8...c6 9.Ne2!? *(9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3* Leko-Morozevich, Moskou rapid 2002 *Ne4! 13.d4 f6!?)* 9...Bb6 10.Ba4 Golubev-Najer, Internet blitz 2006 d5!? and this may not be entirely clear.]
6.Bc4 Black must now prevent Bxf7+!
[6.d3
A) 6...c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h3 g5 1.19/15 Efimenko-I. Sokolov, Kragujevac 2009 (see CVO 36). *(9...d5±* 0.56/22 *)*;
B) 6...c6**±** 0.50/22;
C) 6...h5!? 1.33/24
C1) After 7.f4 0.14/22 7.Nd2 1.46 c6 8.Bc4 -0.50/23 *(8.Ba4=* 0.29/24 *)* 8...d5**∓** 9.exd5! cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8! Black gets an excellent attacking position (possibly even with Ra6-g6). Faika explains that white players often drop a piece here

with. Threatens to win with ... Qa5. 11.Nd2? -1.21/23 *(11.Ba4∓* -0.47/23 *Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 Qa6 17.Qe1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qc6 19.g4 a5 20.a4 Ng6 21.Qf1 Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5* Mortimer,J-Bird,H British CA Congress-02 Masters 1886 (10) 0-1 *Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8 Ke6 37.Re8+ Kf5 38.Re4 Kg4 39.Rxd4 Kf3 40.Re4 e2 41.Rxf4+* Taowal,P-4. Qxd4 side lines 6.♗c4 ♕e7 1994 (10) 0-1 *)* 11...Qa5 -0.74/23 *(⌓11...Bg4* -1.21/23 *12.Qe1 Qa5)*;

C2) 7.Nd2 c6 8.Ba4 a5? *(8...d6)* 9.c3 b5 10.Bc2 d5? 2.03/20 *(10...a4; 10...dxc3±* 1.54/17 *11.bxc3 Be7)* 11.Nb3+- Qb6 12.exd5 1.53/19 *(12.Nxc5+-* 1.95/20 *Qxc5 13.cxd4)* 12...cxd5± 13.Qf3 Nf6 2.14/20 *(13...Be6±* 1.31/18 *14.Bd2 Ne7)* 14.Re1+ Kf8 15.h3 Prevents Bg4 Be6 16.Bg5 Nd7 3.43/22 *(⌓16...Nh7* 2.08/19 *)* 17.Nxc5+- Nxc5 18.cxd4 Nd7 19.Bb3 Nf6 6.09/20 *(⌓19...Kg8* 4.20/22 *20.Bxd5 Rb8 21.Bxe6 fxe6)* 20.Bxf6+- gxf6 21.Qxf6 Rg8 22.Bxd5 Ra6 23.Bxe6 1-0 Baron-Faika, Rijeka 2010]

6...h5!? 1.19/19

[6...d6 7.d3 *(7.b4!?* Faika*; 7.c3 Qf6 8.Na3 Bxa3 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxa3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Qxb7 Bc6 13.Qxc7 Rfc8 14.Qa5 Bxe4 15.d3 Rc5 16.Qa6 Bc6 17.cxd4 Rh5 18.d5* Ehlvest,J (2660)-Djurhuus,R (2505) 68/(513) Stockholm 1996 *)* 7...Qe7 0.97/16 *(7...c6±* 0.55/22 is more appropriate.*; 7...Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.f3 Be6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.f4* Chapter-3...♘d4 - Byrd Defence a) 5...♗c5_38029 2012 *)* 8.f4± Nf6 9.f5! Nd7 10.Qh5 Ne5 1.59/21 *(⌓10...h6* 1.06/23 *)* 11.Bg5± Qf8 12.Nd2 Kd7 13.Be6+ Kc6 14.Bd5+ Kd7 15.Be6+ Kc6 16.Bd5+ Kd7 17.f6 Strongly threatening fxg7. g6 18.Qh3+ Kd8 19.Qg3 c6 1.84/21 *(19...a5±* 1.43/16 keeps fighting. *)* 20.Bb3+- Kc7 21.Bf4 Qe8 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qxe5 dxe5 24.Nf3 Bd6 25.Ng5 Be6 26.Nxe6+ fxe6 27.Bxe6 a5 28.a4 Bf8 29.Rf3 Kd6 2.12/19 *(⌓29...Bh6* 1.76/11 *30.f7 Bg5)* 30.Bb3+- Kc5 31.c3 cxd4+ would now be deadly. Bh6 32.cxd4+ Kxd4 33.Kf1 Ra6 34.Bc4 Rb6 35.b3 Rb4 36.Ke2 b5 37.axb5 cxb5 38.Rxa5 bxc4 39.Rd5+ Kc3 40.dxc4+ Kc2 41.Rxe5 Rxb3 3.40/13 *(41...Rd8* 2.23/15 might work better. *42.Rd5 Rxd5 43.exd5 Bf8)* 42.Rxb3+- Kxb3 43.Kd3! Rf8 44.Rb5+ Ka4 45.e5 Bf4 46.Ke4 Bxh2 47.Rb7 h5 48.f7 1-0 Vachier Lagrave-Howell, Puerto Madryn 2009] [⌓6...d6 0.74/20]

7.d3± c6 8.Bb3N White is more active. [8.Nd2]

8...d5 White is better. **9.Nd2 a5** [9...Ne7]

10.a3 a4 11.Ba2 Ne7 Diagramm # Playing with your rook pawns in the Bird Variation of the Ruy Lopez is nothing new - in fact it's the way Henry Bird

consistently played himself more than a century ago. In Rijeka there are two players who like to play this way: top grandmaster Ivan Sokolov (compare CVO 36) and on a different level, coffee house player Michael Faika (originally from Cologne, now Hamburg). Altogether it may be hard to believe this way of playing, but the truth is that if White plays neutral moves, he can quickly be facing a deadly kingside attack (more details can be found in the PGN file). Very recently I had a similar experience against IM Scheerer: 5...c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7. Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4! 9.h3 Ne5 and here I (MvD) didn't know White should go for a small edge with 10.d3! Nxc4 11.dxc4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Be7 13.Bf4 as pointed out by the standard opening manuals. After 10.Bf1?! d3 11.Re3 g5! 12.Bxd3 g4! 13. Be2 gxh3 I decided to give the exchange with 14.g3!? Bh6 15.d4 but messed up later. **12.Nf3 Be6 13.Re1! Qd6** 1.12/20

[Black should try 13...dxe4± 0.70/21 14.Bxe6 exf3]

14.h3 0.71/20

[⌓14.Bg5 1.12/20]

14...Bb6 15.Ng5 Bc7 16.f4 0-0-0 17.Bd2 Ng6 18.Rf1 0.36/21

[18.Rc1± 0.88/19]

18...dxe4± And now ...e3 would win.

19.Nxe4 Qe7 0.44/14

[19...Qd7= 0.04/19]

20.Bxe6+ 0.00/20

[20.f5± 0.44/14 Bxa2 21.Rxa2]

20...fxe6 1.04/20

[20...Qxe6= 0.00/20 21.f5 Deflection, Double Attack Qe5 22.fxg6 Qh2+ 23.Kf2 Rhf8]

(Diagram)

21.Qe1 0.24/19

[Better is 21.Rb1!± 1.04/20]

21...Rd5= 22.Qg3 Rh6 23.Rae1 Rf5 1.20/21

[23...Nh4!= 0.20/20 24.Re2 Rg6]

24.Ng5± Nxf4 2.32/24 **25.Bxf4?** 0.00/25

[25.Rxf4!]

[White has to play 25.Rxf4+- 2.32/24 Rhf6 *(25...Rxg5?* is the wrong capture. *26.Qxg5 Qxg5* Pin *27.Rf8*++- Discovered Attack *)* 26.Ree4]

25...Bxf4= 26.Rxf4 Rxg5 27.Qf3 -0.93/22

[27.Rf8+= 0.00/25 Qxf8 28.Qxg5]

(Diagram)

27...Rf6!∓ 28.Qe4 e5 -0.13/22

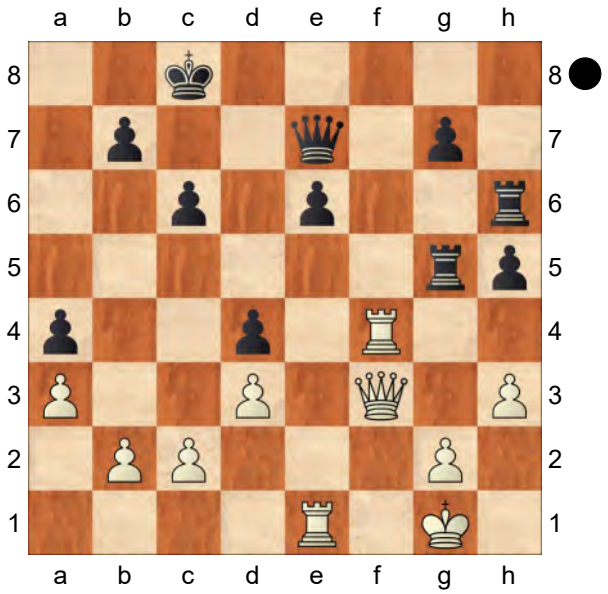
[28...Rxf4∓ -1.02/23 29.Qxf4 e5]

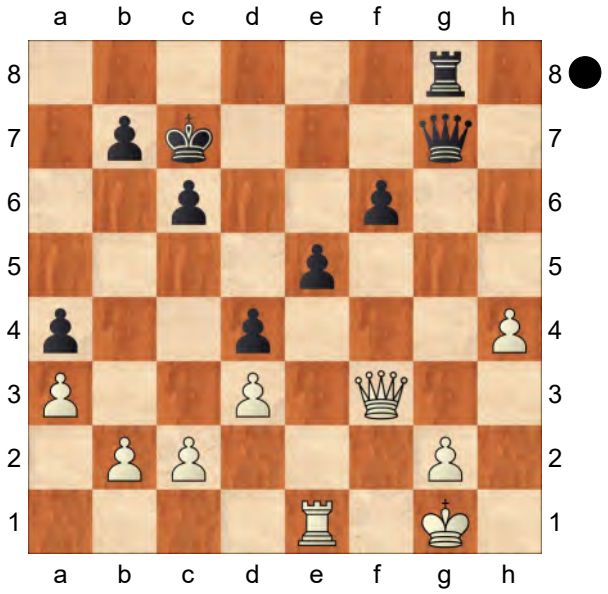
29.Rxf6!= The position is equal.

29...gxf6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **30.h4! Rg8** Hoping for ...Qd7.

[30...Rg4!? 31.Qf5+□ Kb8 32.Qxh5 Qg7=]

31.Qf5+ Kc7 32.Qxh5 Qg7 33.Qf3





f5! 34.Re2 f4
[34...Rf8 simplifies 35.Qf2 b6 36.c3 dxc3 37.bxc3 Qf6]
35.Qe4 Kd6
[35...Re8 simplifies 36.c3 dxc3 37.bxc3 Qe7]
36.c3 Qf6 37.cxd4 exd4 38.Rf2 Rg4 39.h5 Rh4
[39...Qe5 simplifies 40.Qxe5+ Kxe5 41.Re2+ Kf6]
40.g3 Qg5 41.Qxd4+ Kc7 42.Rf3 Qxh5 (-> ...Rh1+)
[42...fxg3!? 43.Rf7+□ Kb8 44.Rf8+ Kc7 45.Rf7+ Kb8 46.Rf8+ Kc7 47.Rf7+=]
43.Qg7+ Kb8 44.gxh4 Qxf3 45.Qe5+ Kc8 aiming for ...Qg3+. **46.Qe8+ Kc7 47.Qe7+ Kc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) .
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=5
Black=6
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=19
Black=17
Best: White=2
Black=2
Strong: White=3
Black=1
½-½

C61
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2790**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2708**
Corus Wijk aan Zee (4) 19.01.2010
[Marin,Mihail, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 Marin,M **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3**
Glenn Flear: 'There are various moments when White can play with b2-b4 gaining space on the queenside before Black gets organized.' **6...c6!?** Glenn Flear: '!' Glenn Flear: 'Seeking an early confrontation.' Nakamura had a recent game against this type of plan, but with different move order. He deviates now slightly, although the structure in the centre will become similar to his previous game soon. **7.Bc4**
[7.Ba4 Ne7 8.c3 0-0 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.c4 d5]

7...d5 Glenn Flear: 'This move ensures that White won't be able to build a wide pawn front with c2-c4. Black has to keep an eye on the hole on e5 but otherwise his position is very solid.' **8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Re1N**

[10.c4 0-0 11.Nd2 Be6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qh5 a5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd7 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

[10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 f5 22.Nf3 Rh6 23.Qg3 Rg8 24.Nxd4 Qf6 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]

10...0-0 Glenn Flear: '!?' Glenn Flear: 'The advantage of this move is that it provokes some action on the queenside, but...' **11.Nd2** Glenn Flear: '...after this reply Black no longer has a5 for his knight.' **11...a5 12.a4** The position is equal. **12...Bb4**

[12...Qd6 0.20/23 12...Ra6 -0.34 13.Qh5 Be6 14.Nf3 f6

A) 15.Bd2 Qd7 16.h3 g6 17.Qh4 Nf5 18.Qf4 g5 19.Qh2 b6 -0.18/21 *(19...Ra6∓* -0.57/23 should be considered. *)* 20.Re2= Rae8;

B) 15.c3 dxc3 16.bxc3 aiming for d4. Qd7 17.h3 Rac8 18.Nh2 Bf7 19.Qf3 d4 20.Bxf7+ Rxf7 21.c4 Bb4 22.Re2 Nc6 23.Bf4 -1.08/23 *(23.Bd2∓* -0.62/24 *)* 23...Bc3∓ 24.Rf1 -1.45/20 *(⌓24.Rb1* -1.03/22 *)* 24...Nb4]

13.Qf3 -1.54/22

[13.Re2 -0.60/23 13.Rf1 -0.17 Bg4 leave White quite comfortable e.g. 14.f3! Bd7]

[13.h3 Ra6 14.Re5 Bd6 and White was on his way to consolidating his queenside preponderance, Gnusarev, P-Gabrielian, A Chelyabinsk 2008. *(14...Rg6 15.Rh5! h6 16.Nf3 Bc5 17.Bf4)* 15.Re2 *(15.Rh5* -0.90/22 15.Re1 -0.46 *g6; 15.Rg5* -1.22/23 15.Re2 -0.62 *h6 16.Rh5 Bb8)* 15...Bc7 16.Qe1 Ng6 And now ...Nf4 would win. 17.Nf3 Qd6]

[13.Rf1∓ -0.33/22]

13...Ra6!∓ 14.Qf4 -2.01/22

[14.h3∓ -1.44/21]

14...Rf6-+ 15.Qxd4 Glenn Flear: 'Black's knight on a7 is awkwardly placed, so White's position is slightly easier to play.' **15...b6** Glenn Flear: '!'

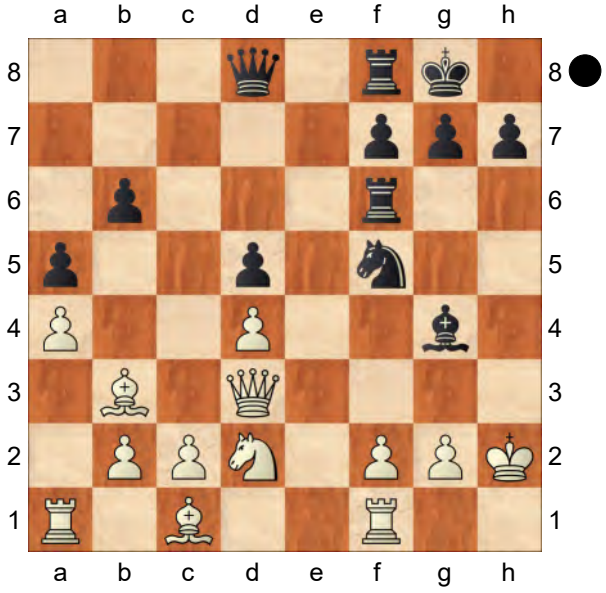
[15...Qd6 -1.26/22 15...b6 -2.25 16.Rf1? -3.10/22 *(16.Rxe7; 16.Rxe7∓* -1.26/22 *Qxe7 17.Nf3)* 16...Bc5-+ 17.Qh4 *(17.Qc3 Nc6!* Repels d4 *18.d4* play would transpose to Grischuk,A (2736)-Nakamura,H (2708)/Bursa 2010/CBM 134/[Marin] (1/2, 42). Although *18...Nxd4* has been frequently played, it enable White to choose his set-up. The typical moves *19.Kh1 Re8)* 17...Rf4 18.Qg5 *(* In case of *18.Qg3* Ne4! would now be deadly. *Nf5!)* 18...Rg4 19.Qh5 g6 Ftacnik, L-Renner, C German league 2009, and White kept a pull due to his space advantage after 20.Qh3 *(20.Qh6 Nf5* Bromberger, S-Werle, J German league 2007 *)* 20...Rf4 would avoid f2-f4. Prevents Qf3. 21.Qg3!? Black was fine after the alternative 21...Nf5!? 22.Qh3 -4.91/20 *(⌓22.Ne4* -3.18/15 *Nxg3* Pin *23.Nxd6 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Nxc1 25.Raxc1 Bxd6 26.Kg1)* 22...Rh4]

16.Rf1 Glenn Flear: '!?' Glenn Flear: 'Black's other knight is so-well posted on e4 that Anand is willing to trade it for this bishop.'

[16.Rxe7? -3.56/24 16.Rf1 -1.97 Qxe7 17.Nf3 White was better in Iturrizaga Bonelli, E-Cabrera, A Benidorm 2008 After 17...Rxf3! 18.gxf3 Bc5 19.Qc3 Kindermann assesses this position as fine for Black who will follow up with ...Be6 and ...a6 with good play. However in practise things are never as simple e. g. Qe2]

16...Bc5 Black has strong compensation. **17.Qe5 Bg4** Inhibits Nf3. **18.c3**

[18.d4 -2.93/21 18.h3 -1.99 Bd6 both recaptures come into consideration. Black can also play for ...e5 with 19.Qe3 *(19.Qe1 Re6?!* is less appropriate as after. Prevents f3*; 19.Qg5 Rg6 20.Qh4 Qc7* ...Nf5 is the strong threat. *21.f4 Nf5)* 19...Nf5 20.Qd3! Bxh2+ 21.Kxh2



Rh6+! 22.Kg1 Qh4 23.f4 Qh2+ 24.Kf2= Chekhov, V-Vyzmanavin, A Palma de Mallorca 1989 Rh3 Wards off Nf3]

18...Re6? -0.98/25 Glenn Flear: 'The American has managed to get his minor pieces to influential squares, but at the cost of a weakness on c6.'

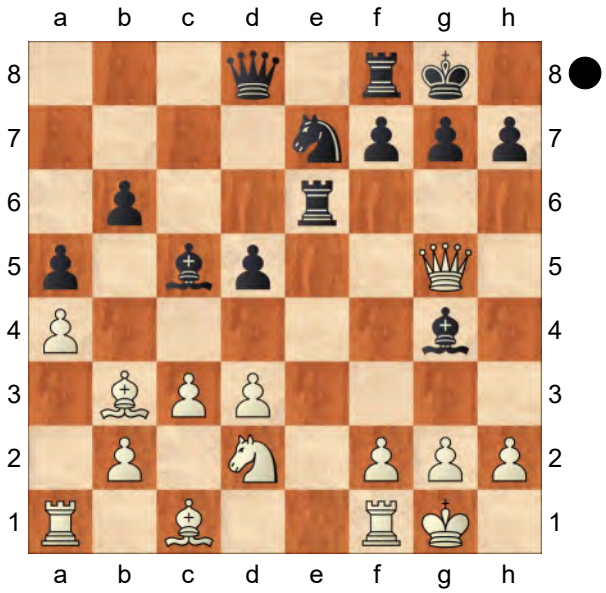
[18...Bd6 19.Qd4 Black has full equality. After 19...Qd7]

[18...Re8-+ -3.16/22 Strongly threatening ...Bd6. 19.h3 Bf5]

19.Qg5 -1.90/21

[19.Qf4 -2.28/23 19.Qg3 -0.86 Be2 Threatens to win with ...Rf6! 20.Re1? -3.80/21 *(20.Nf3∓* -1.46/21 was the only defense. *)* 20...Ng6-+ *(20...Rf6?* -0.15/23 20...Ng6 -3.67 *21.Qxf6! gxf6 22.Rxe2)* 21.Qg3 Bd6 also looks about equal. Or after 22.Qh3 Bg4]

[19.Qg3∓ -0.98/25 is the only way for White. Be2 20.Nf3]



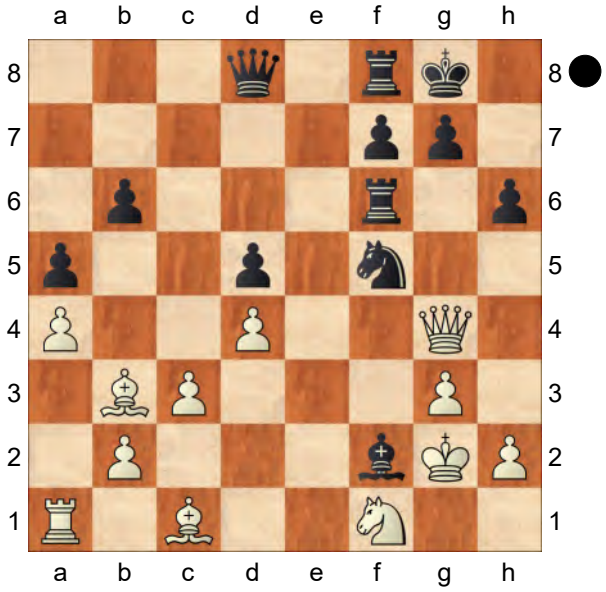
19...Rg6!↑ Black has strong initiative.

20.Qf4 -3.71/24

[20.Qh4 -1.83/22 Qc7 21.Bd1 Bxd1 *(21...Nf5 22.Qxg4 Rxg4 23.Bxg4∓)* 22.Rxd1]

20...Bh3 Glenn Flear: 'The only sensible way forward.' **21.g3 Rf6** Glenn Flear: '!'

22.Qh4 Bxf1 23.Nxf1 Bxf2+
[23...Rxf2 24.d4 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1±]
24.Kg2 h6 Prevents Bg5 **25.d4 Nf5** Glenn Flear: '!' Glenn Flear: 'After the exchange of queens Black's king (remember that 1...f5 tends to loosen one's kingside!) isn't an issue.' **26.Qg4**



Re8! 27.Bf4 Glenn Flear: 'The most solid.'
[27.Bc2 Ne3+]
27...Ne3+ 28.Nxe3 Black is clearly winning. **28...Bxe3 29.Be5 Rf2+** Glenn Flear: '!?' Glenn Flear: 'A practical move. In a single rook ending the a4-pawn will be a weakness whereas here White can't really create any pressure.'
30.Kh1 f6
[Stronger than 30...Rxb2 31.Qxg7#]
31.Re1 fxe5 32.Rxe3 Rxb2 Glenn Flear: '!'
[Not 32...e4? 33.Rxe4 and the knight is trapped.]
33.c4 exd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.13 (very precise) .
Missed win: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=4 ---
OK: White=6 Black=15
Best: White=1 Black=1
Strong: --- Black=2 . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2702**
■ **Christiansen,Larry Mark** **2578**
(ch) 109/185 2010
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nd4 5.Ba4N
[5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 *(7.d3 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.h3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qe7 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Nc4 Rfd8 15.Bg5 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Rd6* Spanish Ors-N,N *)*
7...c6
A) 8.Bc4 d6 9.Qb3 *(9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qh5 Qe7 11.Bg5 Nf6 12.Qf3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6* Ruy Lopez Delayed Exchange (2481)-15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2711) Francisco Bailen in Memoriam 2000 *)* 9...Qe7 10.Be3 Nf6 11.dxe5 Nxe4 12.Bxb6 axb6 13.Qxb6 Qxe5 14.Re1 0-0 15.Qe3 Re8 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.g4 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Be4 19.Re3 Qc5 20.Bb3 d5 21.Rae1 Re6 22.Bc2 Bxc2 Perez Candelario,M (2537)-Adams,M (2726) 102/237 Merida 2008 0-1;
B) 8.Ba4 d6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.h3 Re8 12.Bc2 Be6 13.Re1 h6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 d5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd4 Qg5

Spanish Ors-N,N]

5...Nxf3+! 6.Qxf3 Ne7 7.Qc3 Bd4 8.Qg3 And now c3! would win. White is slightly better. **8...Ng6! 9.c3 Bb6 10.d4 0-0** 0.34/23

[10...exd4= -0.06/22 should be considered. 11.cxd4 Bxd4]

11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 d6 14.Nd2 Be6 15.Kh1 c6 16.Nf3 h6 0.34/21

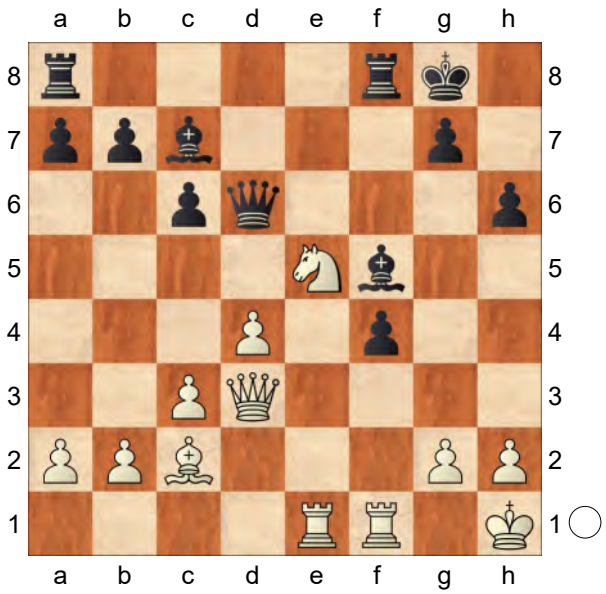
[16...f6= -0.05/21]

17.Bc2± Qd7 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Qg3 f5! 21.Rae1 Bc7

22.Qh3!→ aiming for Nxc6! White is up to no good. White is more active. **22...f4** 1.60/20

[Better is 22...Rae8± 0.45/21]

23.Qd3± Bf5



24.Bb3+! Kh7

(Diagram)

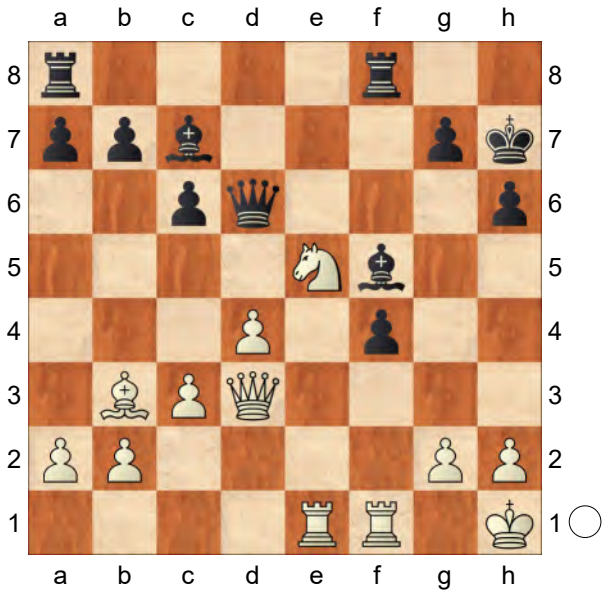
25.Qd2 1.06/22

[White should try 25.Qe2!+- 1.72/22]

25...g5? 2.92/24 This costs Black the game.

[25...g6± 1.06/22]

26.g4+- Bc8 4.34/27

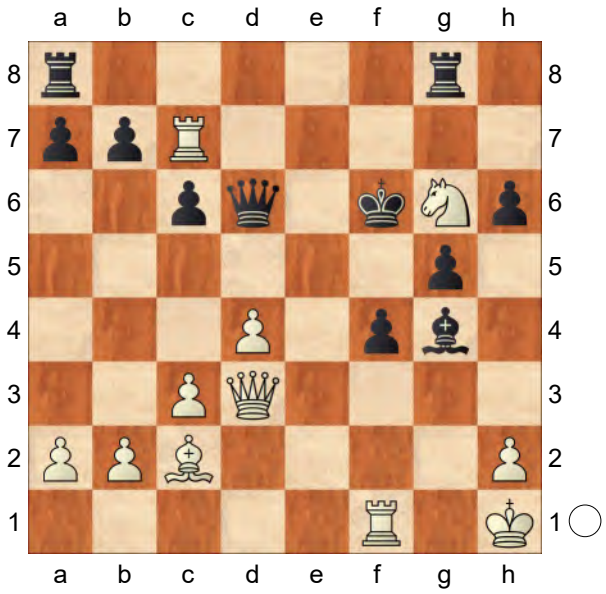


[26...fxg3 2.90/23 is a better defense. 27.hxg3 Kg7]

27.Qd3+ Black is weak on the light squares **27...Kg7 28.Bc2 Rh8** Prevents Qh7+ **29.Ng6 Bxg4?** 7.48/22

[29...Be6 2.95/20 30.Nxh8 Bd5+ 31.Kg1 Rxh8]

30.Re7+ Kf6 31.Rxc7 Rhg8



32.Ne5! Qxc7

[32...Be6 33.Rf7+]

33.Nxg4+ Ke7 34.Qh7+ Kd6 35.Qxh6+ Kd7 36.Bf5+ Kd8 37.Re1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20

(precise) /Black=0.41.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=1
Black=5
Inaccurate: White=2 ---
OK: White=10
Black=10
Best: White=1
Black=1
Strong: White=1
Black=2
1-0

C61
□ **Azarov,Sergei Nikolaevich 2622**
■ **Jirka,Jiri 2398**
CZE-chT 0910 (4.1) 06.12.2009
[Marin,Mihail, MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Qh5 Nd6 This solid move is not without drawbacks: it fails to cover the e-file properly and it blocks the d7-pawn.
[7...d5? 1.39/19 7...Nd6 0.00 8.Bxd5 Nd6 9.Re1+ 0.78/23 *(⌓9.Qe5+* 1.39/22 *Qe7 10.Qxd4)* 9...Kd7? 3.61/23 *(9...Be7 10.Qe5±; 9...Be7±* 0.78/23 *)* 10.Qh3++- Costa,C-Freitas, H/Brasilia 2006/EXT 2008 (1-0, 15)]
[7...Ng5!?N deserves attention. 8.f4 Ne6 9.f5 g6! An important intermediate move, maintaining the knight's stability. 10.fxg6
*(*Black seems to be doing well after *10.Qf3 gxf5 11.Qxf5 Qe7 12.d3 Bg7 13.Nd2 c6* followed by ...d5. *)* 10...fxg6 11.Qf3 Qe7 12.d3
(12.Bxe6 is premature: *dxe6 13.d3 e5!* This would not be possible with the move order from the main line. *14.Nd2 Bg7∓)* 12...Bg7 **Δ**...♖f8 13.Bxe6! There is no reason to delay this exchange anymore. Qxe6
This apparently risky move is playable because of White's lack of development. *(13...dxe6 14.Bg5 Qf8 15.Qg4 Qd6 16.Nd2 e5 17.Qf3↑)* 14.Na3 Rf8 15.Bf4 Be5 16.Qg3 Rxf4 17.Rxf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Qe3+ 19.Qxe3+ dxe3 20.Re1 Black has managed to simplify the position, but has slightly fallen behind in development. A certain amount of accuracy is needed in order to equalise gradually. *(20.Nb5!? Kd8□ 21.Re1=)* 20...d5 21.Nb5 Kd8 22.Rxe3 Bd7 23.Nd4 a5 24.Re5 c6
A) 25.Kf2 a4 26.a3 -0.20/16 *(26.h4±* 0.38/19 *)* 26...Ra6!⇄;
B) 25.a4
B1) 25...c5 26.Nf3 Bxa4 0.83/24 *(26...Bc6!=* 0.10/22 *)* 27.Rxd5+**±**;
B2) 25...Rc8 26.b3 *(26.Kf2 c5=)* 26...Rc7 27.Kf2 Bc8 28.Ke3 Rf7 29.Nf3 Kc7 White's position looks more active and he has the e5-square for his pieces. However, the relative weakness of his queenside, with several pawns within the bishop's range, tends to keep the balance even.]
8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6?! 1.08/20 Defending the extra pawn, but weakening the defence of the knight.
[10...h5 comes into consideration. 11.b3 Rh6 12.Bb2 Re6 0.34/22 *(12...c6=* -0.23/21 *13.Qxd4 Ne8)* 13.Na3**±**
A) 13...Bg5!? 0.55/16 13...Bf6 0.17 14.Bxd4 Bxd2 0.99/23 *(14...Qe7±* 0.57/20 *15.Rxe6 fxe6*

16.Qf3+ Qf7) 15.Rxe6 dxe6 16.Qxh5 Bh6 17.h4 Prevents Qg5. b6 18.Rd1 Threatens to win with g4. Bb7 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Hoping for Bc5+! Qe8 21.Be5 Qc6 22.Bf1±;

B) 13...Bf6 14.Bxd4 g6 15.Re3 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qf6= The position has been simplified and Black will be able to complete his development soon.]

[10...h5= 0.00/23 keeps the balance.]

11.b3!± g6 12.Ba3!

[12.Bb2?! Kg7=]

12...Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3!±

With such pawns, and an incomplete development, Black is clearly struggling, despite his minimal material advantage.

14...Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5? 3.01/20

[16...Qc7± 0.91/23]

17.f5+-

[17.Nxd6 Qe7 18.Ne4 Rb8=]

17...gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5? 0.74/19

[19.Nxb7 Qe7 20.Kf1 Bxb7 21.Qxb7 Re8 22.Rxe6 dxe6∓ *(22...fxe6 23.g3=)*]

[19.Nxf5+- 2.58/20 aiming for Rxe6. Qc7 20.Qf3 *(20.Nxd4? Rd6-+)*]

19...Ra6? 2.85/21

[19...d3± 0.74/19 20.Bxe6 *(20.Nxb7? Qb6+ 21.Qc5+ Kg7-+)* 20...dxe6 21.Qxd3 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Ke7]

20.Nc4

[20.Nxb7 Qe7 21.Kf1 *(21.Bxe6? dxe6 22.Qh5 Bxb7-+)* 21...Re5 22.Rxe5 *(22.Bxh7? Rxd5 23.Rxe7 Bxe7-+)* 22...Qxe5 23.Qxe5 Bxe5-+]

20...Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qc7 22.a4

[22.Bxh7 Re6 23.Rf1 *(23.Qxa5? Rxe1+ 24.Kf2 Qxa5-+)* 23...b6+-]

22...Rc6 2.49/22

[⌓22...Qc6 1.79/14 23.Be4 Qxd5 24.Bxd5 h6]

23.Bxh7

[23.Nxa5? Rc5 24.Qf3 Qxa5-+ *(24...Rxa5? 25.g3-+)*]

23...b6 24.Bd3 Bb7 2.40/21

[⌓24...Re6 1.92/22 25.Rf1 Bb7]

25.Qf5+- d5 26.Na3

[26.Qxd5 Re6 27.Rxe6 Bxd5 28.Rxf6 Ke7=]

26...Qd8 27.Nb5 Bc8 28.Qf3 Bg7 29.Qg3 Re6 2.59/24

[29...Bd7 1.89/20 is a better defense. 30.Re2 Rh6]

30.Rf1 Rf6 2.55/26

[30...Be5 1.87/22 keeps fighting. 31.Qh3 Bg7]

31.Rxf6+-

[31.Nxd4? Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Bxd4-+]

31...Bxf6 32.Qf2 Ba6 33.g3? 0.63/25

[33.Nxd4+- 2.61/21 Bxd3 34.cxd3]

33...Bxb5± 34.Bxb5

[But not 34.axb5 Qe7 35.Kg2 Qe5±]

34...Qd6 35.Kg2 Qe5 36.Qf3 Ke7 37.h4 Qe4 38.Bd3 Qe5 39.Kh3 Bg7! 40.Kg2 Bh6 41.Qf2 f6 1.07/29

[Black should play 41...Qf6± 0.54/24]

42.Kh3± Kf7 43.Kg4 Ke7 1.41/26

[⌓43...Qe6+ 0.89/25 44.Kf3 Qh3]

44.Bf5 0.89/27

[⌓44.Bg6 1.41/26]

44...Kf7 45.d3 Bc1 1.38/24

[⌓45...Be3 0.90/27 46.Qf3 Ke7]

46.Qf3 Bd2

(Diagram)

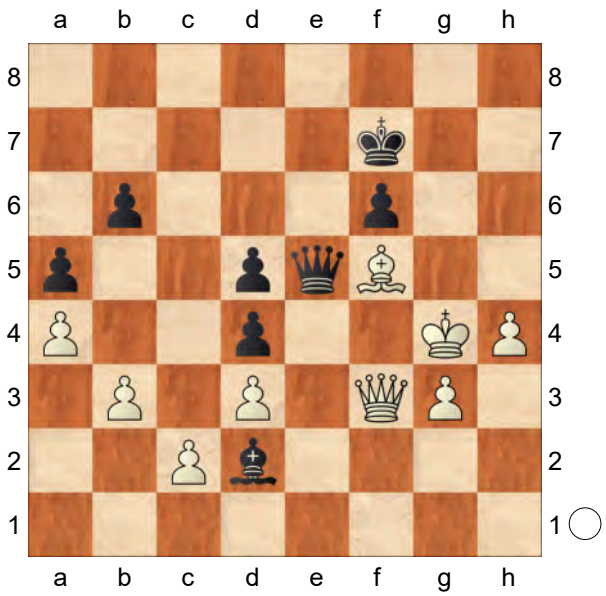
47.Kh3 0.92/22

[⌓47.Bc8! 1.31/23]

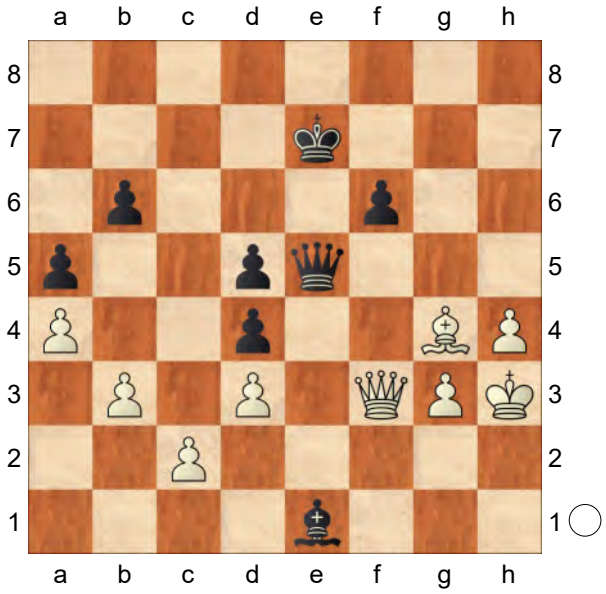
47...Ke7± 48.Bg4 0.27/22

[48.Bc8± 0.93/25]

48...Be1 1.48/21



[48...Kd6!= 0.27/22 remains equal.]



49.Qf4 0.23/20
[49.Bc8!± 1.48/21]
49...Kd6? 3.76/24
[49...Qxf4= 0.23/20 50.gxf4 Bd2]
50.Bf5 Qxf4? 6.48/25
[50...Ke7 2.27/23 51.Qxe5+ fxe5]
51.gxf4+- Ke7 52.h5 Kf7 53.h6 Bd2 54.Kg4 Be3? 7.58/26
[54...Bc1 3.88/22 55.Bh7 Ba3]
55.Bh7+- Bc1 56.Kf5 Bd2 57.Bg6+ Kg8 58.Ke6 Bxf4 59.h7+
[And not 59.Kxd5 Bxh6 60.Kxd4 Kg7±]
59...Kg7 60.Kxd5 Be5 61.Bf5 Kh8 62.Kc6 Bf4 63.Kxb6 Bd2 64.Kc5 Bc3 65.b4
1-0

C61
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2681**
■ **Bocharov,Dmitry** **2607**
RUS-ch Higher League 62nd (10)
[Postny,Evgeny, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.d3N**
[6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ *(7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6 11.b3 g6 12.Ba3 Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5 17.f5 gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5 Ra6 20.Nc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qc7* 4.a3Ba6/ 10.Be2 (2622)-Luba,L (2398) 72/(461) Bratislava 1998 (4.1) 1-0 *)* 7...Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 14.b3 Bb6 15.Bb2 c5 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.Rfe1 d5 18.Qe7+ Qf7 19.b4 Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ Kf8 Open Spanish Main line 12.Nb3 (2345)-6.♘1e2 ♘f6 7.♘f4 e5 (2420) Centrocoop Sept op 1999 1-0]
[6.Qe2 Bc5 7.e5 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.0-0 Ra6 15.Rae1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4 18.Re2 Re7 19.Qf3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Re6* 7.___-Meier,E (2575) Teplice 1982 0-1 *)* 7...0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5 b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3

13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Linares 47/(399) 1989]

6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...Be7 9.Re1**

[9.Qf3 c6 10.Nd2 0.04/24 *(10.Bxd5 cxd5 11.Nd2 0-0! 12.Nb3 Bf6 13.Bf4* Wards off Qc7 *a5 14.a4 Be6 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Be5! Bd7! 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 f6 19.Nxd4 Rxe5 20.Qf2 Qc7+-; 10.Qg3⩲* 0.42/23 *)* 10...0-0= 11.Ne4 Be6 12.Bd2 *(12.Re1 Qd7 13.Ng5* Hoping for Nxe6. *Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Rae8 15.Qg3* Bxd5 is the strong threat. *f6! 16.Bd2 Bf7)* 12...Qd7±]

9...Be6?! 10.Nd2!

[10.c3 -0.42/23 10.Nd2 0.28 Bf6 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 Prevents c6. 0-0 *(12...Nxc3!? 13.Qb3 Qf6∓)* 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qb3? -3.71/25 *(14.Qc2*= -0.29/19 and White has nothing to worry. *)* 14...Bxf2+!-+ 15.Kxf2 Qh4+ 16.Ke2 *(16.Kf1 Bxg2+ 17.Kxg2 Qxe1)* 16...Rae8+ 17.Be3 Rxe3+ 18.Kxe3 Re8+ 19.Kd2 Qf2+]

10...0-0 11.Ne4 0.00/22

[11.Qh5⩲ 0.38/20]

11...Re8

[11...h6 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Ng3 Rfe8 0.94/21 *(13...c6* White must now prevent ...Bg4. *14.Bd2 Rae8 15.h3* Repels Bg4 *Bd6 16.Nh5* Threatens to win with Bxh6! *f5; 13...c6*= 0.00/22 *)* 14.Bd2 0.28/21 *(14.Rxe6* -0.39/21 14.Nh5 0.80 *fxe6 15.Qg4 Kh7 16.Qxd4; 14.Nh5!±* 0.94/21 *)* 14...b5 0.73/22 *(14...c6*= 0.28/21 *15.Re4 Bc5)* 15.Bb3± Rac8 16.Nh5]

12.a3 c6 13.Qh5! Nf6 0.53/23

[13...b5= -0.03/22 14.Bb3 Qd7]

14.Nxf6+⩲ Bxf6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Qe2 Qd5 18.Bd2 White is better as he has excellent play on the dark squares. **18...Re8 19.b3 Be7 20.a4 Bd6 21.Re1 Qc5 22.Qd1 b5 23.b4 Qd5 24.Qa1 Rf8**

[24...a6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Re4 e5]

25.Re4 bxa4 0.61/25

[25...e5 26.axb5 cxb5 27.Qxa7? -5.20/30 *(27.Be1*= 0.25/26 and White stays safe. *)* 27...Ra8-+ 28.Qd7 aiming for f4. Qxe4]

[25...e5= 0.22/21]

26.Qxa4

[26.Qxd4 c5 27.bxc5 Qxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxc5 29.Rxa4 Rxf2∓]

26...c5 27.b5 0.44/17

[27.Qxa7? too greedy. Ra8 28.Qb6 Qxe4-+]

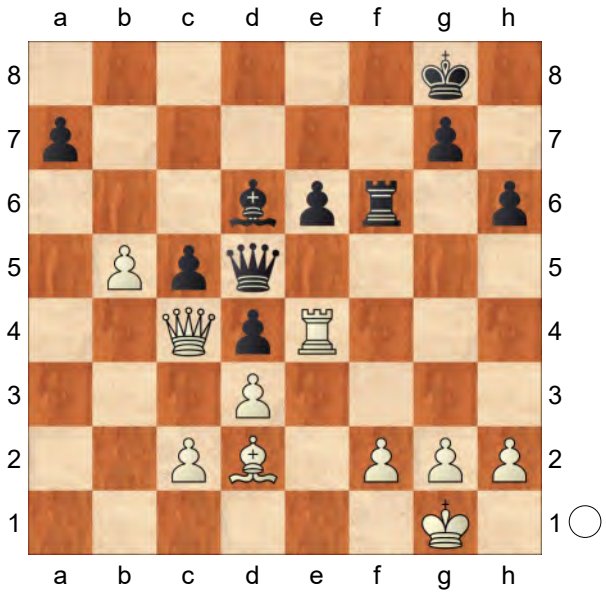
[27.bxc5!± 0.89/21 Bxc5 28.Bf4]

27...h6 28.Qc4

[28.Qxa7? perishes. Ra8 29.b6 *(29.Qb6? Qxe4 30.f4 Qd5-+)* 29...Rxa7-+]

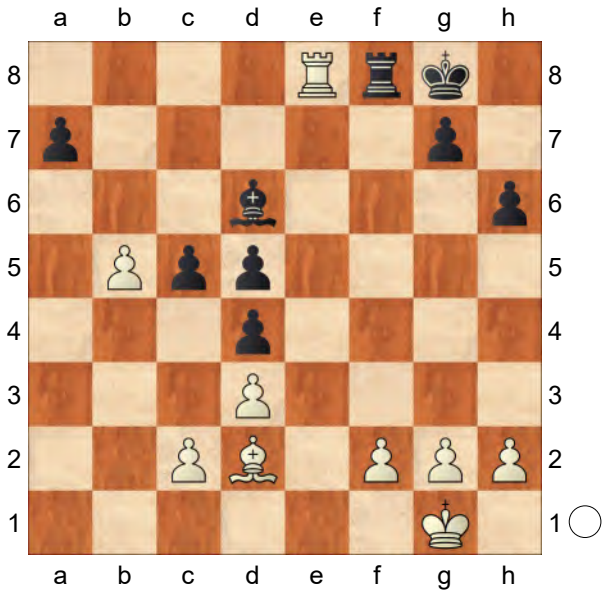
28...Rf6 1.04/21

[28...Qxc4⩲ 0.44/21 29.dxc4 Kf7]



29.Qxd5!± exd5 Endgame. KRB-KRB

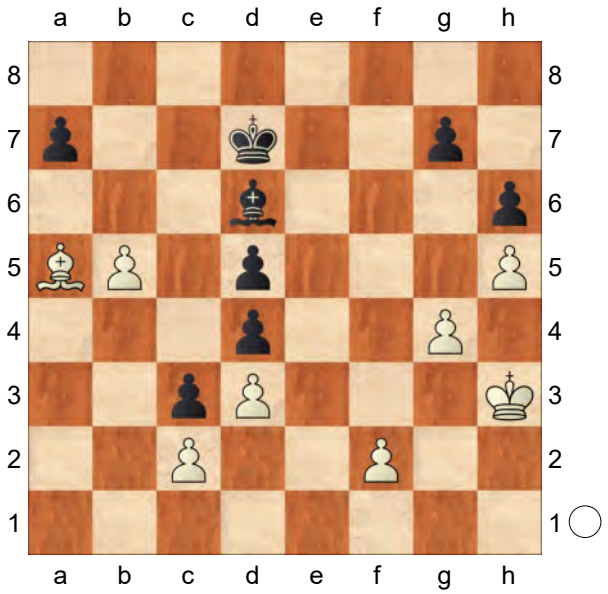
30.Re8+ Rf8



31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 KB-KB **32.g4 c4?** 3.11/29
[32...Ke7± 0.87/24 is a better defense.]
33.Ba5? 0.27/30
[33.h4+- 3.11/29]
33...Ke7= 34.Kg2 Kd7 1.03/30
[34...c3= 0.26/29 keeps the balance.]
35.h4± c3? 4.39/28
[35...Ba3± 0.94/27 is tougher.]
36.h5+- White is clearly winning.
36...Kc8 6.22/26
[⌓36...Ke6 4.28/25 37.b6 axb6 38.Bxb6 Be5]
37.Kh3 Kd7

(Diagram)

38.g5! hxg5
[38...Be7 39.gxh6]
39.Kg4 Bf4 40.Kf5 Ke7 41.Bb4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.47.
Loses game: ---
Black=2
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=2
Black=5



Inaccurate: White=2
Black=2
OK: White=14
Black=5
Best: White=3
Black=1
Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

C61
□ **Efimenko,Zahar** **2654**
■ **Sokolov,Ivan** **2657**
TCh-1st League (3) 03.09.2009
[Van Delft/Ris,MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.Nd2
[8.f4]
8...Nf6 9.h3
[9.f4 0.10/22 9.c3 0.72 Ng4 0.90/19 *(9...a5*= 0.10/22)]
9...g5 1.16/20
[9...0-0 Kovacevic-Halkias, Vrsac 2008.]
[9...0-0± 0.63/21]

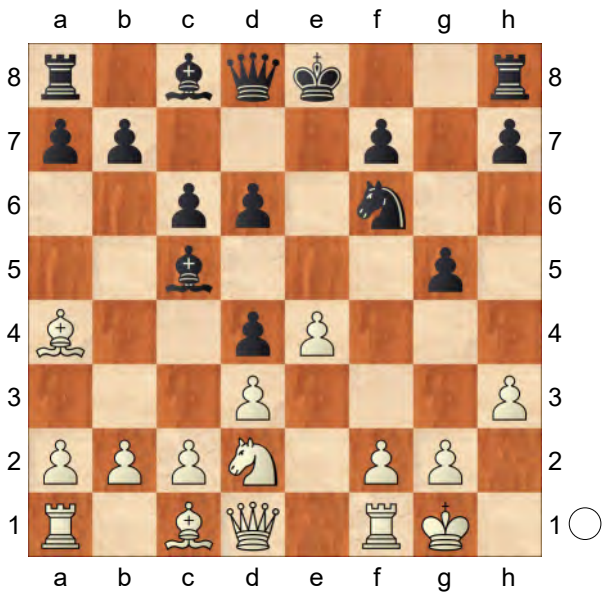
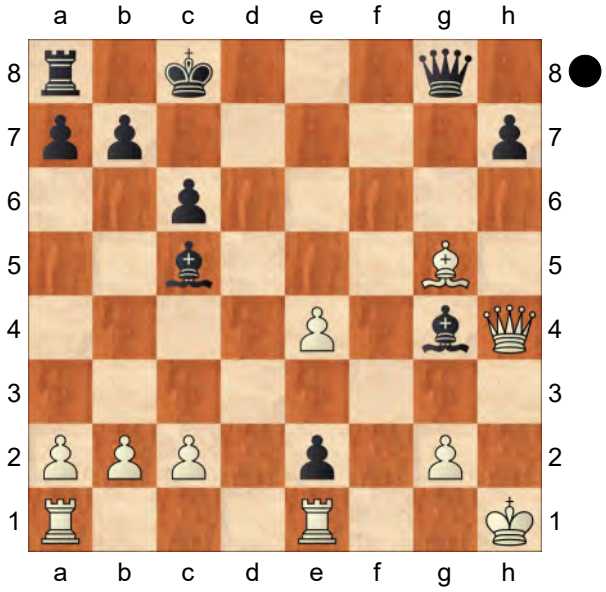


Diagram # In our last issue we mentioned the game Hou Yifan-Nielsen, where Black quickly launched an attack on the kingside with ...g5. One of the greatest expert on the 1.e4 e5 field, Ivan Sokolov used the same idea various times in quiet Italian games. In the Serbian team championship he surprised Efimenko by playing the old Bird variation. As the Ukrainian replied with the timid 8.Nd2 and 9.h3, Sokolov got the opportunity to use his trademark move once more. As a rule "an attack on the wing, should be met with a counterstrike in the centre" and so Efimenko correctly opened up the position with 10.e5!. A complex battle started, where from the beginning White's chances seemed to be preferable. However, Efimenko missed a big chance with 23.Rd3 to get rid of the e3 pawn and so Black could stay in the game by moving his pawn a square further, dominating both rooks! Certainly not a masterpiece, but the game shows at least that with some creative input Black can still pose new problems. **10.e5!** 0.78/18 **dxe5± 11.Nf3**
[11.Re1]
11...e4 1.50/21
[11...g4?! 1.34/22 11...Nd5 0.73 12.Nxe5 gxh3 13.Nxc6 0.43/22 *(13.Re1!± 1.38/23 Be6 14.Bb3)* 13...bxc6± 14.Bxc6+ Bd7 15.Re1+ Be7 16.Qf3!]
[11...Nd5± 0.65/21]
12.Nxg5
[12.dxe4 0.15/21 12.Nxg5 1.36 g4]
12...Rg8
[12...e3 13.fxe3 dxe3 Strongly threatening ...e2+. 14.Qe2]
13.Bb3!
[13.dxe4 h6 14.Nxf7 Kxf7=]
13...e3 14.Bxf7+ Ke7 15.Bxg8 Qxg8 16.Ne4
[16.h4 aiming for fxe3. h6]
16...Nxe4 17.dxe4 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Bg4 19.Qg3 Qe5+ would now be deadly.
19...Be6 2.54/25
[19...Rf8 1.72/20 might work better.]
20.Qh4+ 1.21/21
[20.Qc7+! Ke8 21.Qe5 Repels Rd8 *(21.Qxb7?? -2.40/22 21.Qe5 2.57 Rc8)*]
[20.Qc7+!+- 2.54/25 Ke8 21.Qe5 *(21.Qxb7? Rc8∓)*]
20...Kd7 21.fxe3 dxe3 1.90/23
[21...Qg7± 1.21/23]
22.Rd1+!+- Kc8 3.08/22
[22...Kc7? 3.65/24 22...Ke8 2.06 23.Qf4+]
[22...Ke8 1.86/23 keeps fighting. 23.Rd3 *(23.Qh5+ Qf7+-)* 23...Qg4]
23.Re1? -0.68/23
[23.Rd3! e2+ *(23...Bc4 24.Bxe3 Bxd3 25.Bxc5)* 24.Be3]
[23.Rd3+- 3.08/22]
23...e2+∓ Black has compensation.
24.Kh1 -1.30/21
[24.Kh2!∓ -0.68/22 Qg4 25.Qxg4 *(25.Qxh7 b5∓)* 25...Bxg4 26.Kg3]

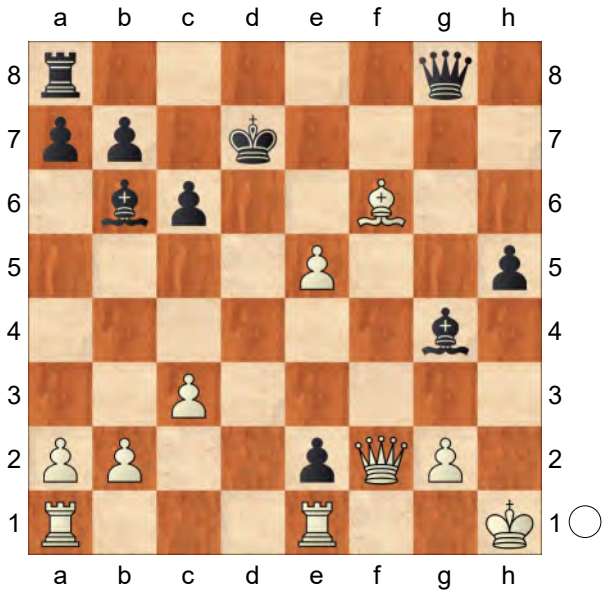
24...Bg4 -0.45/18
[24...Qg4∓ -1.30/21 25.Bg5 *(25.Qxh7 b6∓)* 25...Kc7 26.Bf4+ *(26.Qxh7+? Kb6-+)* 26...Kb6]
25.Bg5 -0.88/22
[25.Qg3∓ -0.45/18 Qg6 26.Be3]



25...h5 0.15/20
[25...Qe6!∓ -0.88/22 White must now prevent ...h5. 26.Qxh7 b6]
26.Be7!= Bd4 27.c3 Be5→ White needs to defend precisely. **28.Bf6** Inhibits Kd7. **28...Bc7** A strong pair of Bishops.
[28...Qe6 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Qf2 Kc7 31.Rxe2 Bxe2 32.Qxe2 Rf8 Prevents Qf3. 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Qxf1 Qxe4]
29.e5 Kd7
[29...Qg6!?]
30.Rac1?
[30.Qf2 Bb6 0.82/25 *(30...Qc4!=* 0.00/26 *)*

(Diagram)

31.Qf4!± Re8 32.Qd2+ 0.42/23 *(*White should try *32.Rxe2±* 1.11/21



Threatens to win with Re4. *Bxe2 33.Qd2+ Kc8 34.Qxe2)* 32...Kc7 1.08/23 *(32...Kc8±* 0.42/23 *)* 33.Rxe2!± Bxe2 34.Qxe2]
30...Qg6 Against Rc2 **31.Qf2! Bb6** 0.26/17 Repels Qd4+
[31...Rf8?! 32.Rxe2 *(32.Qxa7 h4∓)* 32...Bxe2 33.Qxe2±]
[⌓31...Qe4 -0.27/23]
32.Qf4 -0.13/23
[⌓32.e6+ 0.26/17 Bxe6 *(32...Kxe6 33.Bd4=)* 33.Bd4 *(33.Qxe2? Qxf6 34.Qd3+ Ke7-+)*]
32...Re8 33.Qd2+? -2.20/24
[33.a3= -0.17/23]
33...Kc8-+ Hoping for ...h4! **34.c4**
[34.Rxe2? -4.06/24 34.c4 -1.92 Bxe2 35.Qxe2 Qxf6]
[34.Rxe2? Bxe2 35.Re1 Bf2-+ *(35...Bg4 36.c4-+; 35...Bg4 36.Qg5-+)*]
34...Qe4?!
[34...Bf2 -1.01/21 34...Qe4 -2.16]
[34...Bf2 35.Qf4 *(35.Rxe2? Bxe2 36.Qxe2 Qxf6-+)* 35...Bxe1 36.Rxe1∓]
35.c5 Bc7 36.Rc3 Rxe5? 0.00/26
[36...Ba5]

[36...Bxe5 37.Re3 Qf4 38.Rxe5 Qxd2 39.Rxe8+ Kc7 40.Re7+ Kc8 41.Re8+ Kc7 42.Re7+ Kc8 43.Re8+=]
[Black should play 36...Ba5-+ -2.68/24 And now ...h4 would win. 37.Kh2 Rg8 *(37...Bxc3? 38.bxc3 Qc4 39.a3∓)*]

37.Bxe5= Qxe5 38.g3!
[38.Kg1 Qh2+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+ 40.g3 Qh2+ 41.Ke3 Qxg3+ 42.Ke4 Qe5+ 43.Kd3 Bf5+ 44.Kc4 b5+ 45.Kb3 Qe4]

38...Qe4+
[38...Ba5]

39.Kg1 Be5 40.Rd3 Against Bd4+

40...Bf6 Repels Rd8+ **41.b4 h4** 1.19/26
[41...Bg5!= 0.16/17 remains equal. 42.Qc3 *(42.Qxg5 Qxd3 43.Qg8+ Kd7=)* 42...Bf6]

42.gxh4? -0.41/24
[42.Qf4!]
[42.Qf4± 1.19/26 Qxd3 43.Qxg4+ *(43.Qxf6* gets mated. *Qxg3+ 44.Kh1 Qxe1+ 45.Kh2 Qg3+ 46.Kh1 e1Q+)* 43...Kb8 44.gxh4 *(44.Rxe2 a5±)*]

42...Bxh4 0.00/26
[42...Bf5!∓ -0.41/24 43.Rxe2 Qxd3 44.Qxd3 Bxd3 45.Re8+ Kd7]

43.Qc3 The position is equal. **43...Qh7** Repels Qh8+
[Inferior is 43...Bxe1 44.Qh8+]

44.Rg3 Qh5 45.a3 a6 46.Qe3 Bxg3 47.Qxg3 Qf5 What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.31.
Loses game: White=1 ---
Missed win: White=1 Black=1
Mistake: White=6 Black=10
Inaccurate: White=1 ---
OK: White=14 Black=14
Best: White=3 Black=4
Strong: White=4 ---

½-½

C61

□ **Moiseenko,Alexander 2690**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander 2748**
World Cup ACP 3rd rapid (2.2) 23.05.09
[Karolyi,Tibor, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7
[7...d6 8.Bb3 *(8.Nd2 Nf6 9.f4 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.Kh1 Re8 12.e5 Ng4 13.Nf3 f6 14.h3 Nh6 15.c3 Nf5 16.Qe1 fxe5 17.fxe5 Rf8 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nxd4)* 8...Nf6 *(8...a5 9.a4 Ne7 10.f4⇄ d5 11.f5 0-0 12.Nd2 f6 13.Qh5 Qe8 14.Qh4 Kh8 15.Nf3 b6 16.Bd2 dxe4 17.dxe4 Ba6 18.Rfe1)* 9.Bg5 h6 *(9...a5!? 10.a4 h6* Gurevich,M-Ye Rongguang, Tilburg 1997. White has a long-lasting initiative. *11.Bh4* Giving up the two bishops voluntarily creates doubled pawns in Black's camp but Black should do all right as the d4-pawn is not strong and there are opposite coloured bishops on the board. *g5 12.Bg3 Bg4 13.f3 Bh5 14.Nd2 0-0 15.Qe1 d5?!* It is unfortunate to put the pawn on a square of the colour of the opponent's bishop. *16.Qf2!* White plans to create a second isolated double pawn island. *Re8 17.Rae1 Bg6 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.f4* Alexandrova,O-

Kizova,S Budva 2003.
White's superior pawn structure gives him a good edge. *Rc8 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.Re1 Qc6* Black is safe. *24.Nb3 Bb6 25.Qd2 f6= 26.h4=)* 10.Bh4 g5 *(10...0-0 11.f4 Qe7* The position is equal. *12.Nd2 Bd7 13.e5 dxe5* It is not easy for Black to do something with his extra pawn, but he is the one who has chances to obtain serious advantage. *14.Ne4? Bd6 15.Nxf6+* Black wins. *)* 11.Bg3 Bg4 *(11...h5 12.f4 Ng4 13.Qf3 Rh7 14.fxg5= Qxg5* Possibly objectively the pawn can be taken, but the path is narrow. *15.Bxf7+ Kd8 16.Qf4 Qxf4 17.Rxf4 d5 18.Bg6 Rh6* Black survives the tactical confrontation. *19.Bf5 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 Ne3 21.Rg5 Nxc2± 22.Nd2 Nxa1 23.Rg8+ Kd7 24.Rxa8)* 12.f3 Bd7 13.f4 Qe7 *(13...Bg4= 14.Qe1)* 14.fxg5 hxg5 15.Qd2 Rg8 16.Qf2 Rg6 17.Nd2 Be6 *(17...0-0-0! 18.e5 dxe5* The position is balanced. *19.Rae1 Bd6 20.Nc4)* 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Nb3 Ng4 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.Qd2 b6 22.a4 a5 23.Bc7 Qe7 24.Qe2 Ne3 25.Qh5 Nxf1 26.Rxf1]

8.f4 White makes sure he can pin the f6-knight. **8...a5N**

[8...d5 9.f5 *(9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7 21.Ba2 Qb4 22.Rah3 Qxb2 23.Qf4 Ng8* Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0 *)* 9...dxe4 *(9...Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 23.Ra5 Qe5 24.Rfa1* Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0 *)* 10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 d3 13.cxd3 Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qf2 19.Nc3 g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.Be3 Den Hamer,A (2605)-6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♕b2 8 (2450) Gothenburg Manhem-A 2013]

[8...f5 9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 Bg7 16.Nf3 h6 17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+ cxd5 19.b3 Kh7 20.Bb2 Qb6 21.Qf3 Re8 22.Qf2 Bxe5 23.Rxe5 Variation C2: 5...Bc5 Hewlett-Packard Company 2008]

9.Bb3 0-0 Hoping for ...a4. Black can also play 9...♘c6, however Grishchuk decides to pin as well.

[9...a4? 2.92/20 9...d5 0.61 10.Bxf7+! Kxf7 11.Qh5+]

10.a4 d5 White is slightly better. Black gives up the two bishops, but soon he will exchange one of Moiseenko's bishops.

11.f5 f6 12.Nd2 Kh8! Black weakens his kingside to get rid of the bishop pair.

13.Nf3

[13.Qh5]

13...Qe8

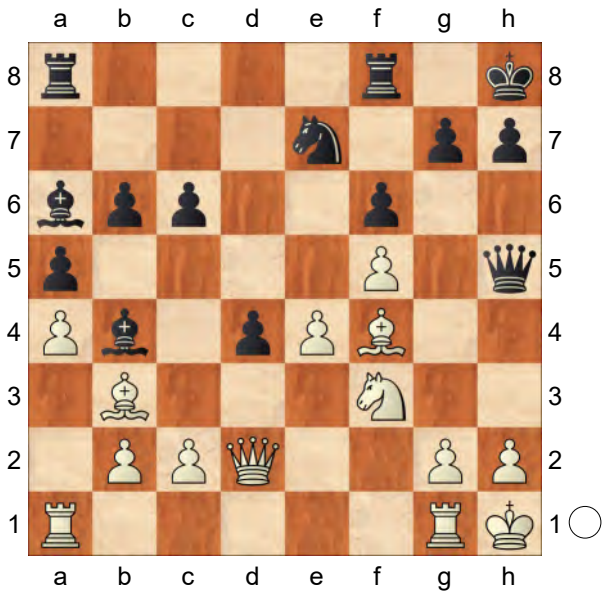
[13...b6]

14.Bf4 White now steadily converts the win. **14...Qh5!** Grischuk plays very practical chess he just develops his pieces. **15.Qd2 b6 16.Kh1 Ba6** White has to defend the d4-pawn so he has no energy left for building an attack against Black's king.

17.Rg1! dxe4 18.dxe4 Bb4 2.10/23

Black not only blocks the diagonal, but keeps an eye on the d4-pawn.

[18...Qe8± 1.44/18 was necessary. 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 c5]



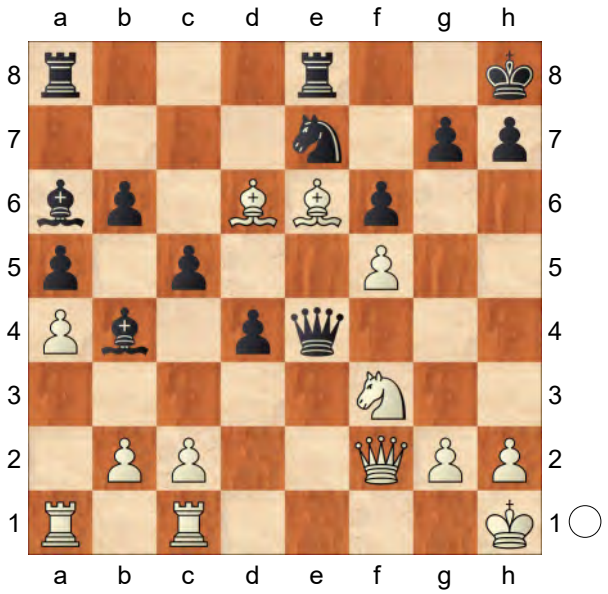
19.Qf2!+-

[Stronger than 19.Qxd4 Bc5 20.Qc3 Qg4∓]

19...c5 20.Be6 g4 is the strong threat.

20...Qg4 21.Bd6 Rfe8 Black doesn't lose his focus on the d4-pawn.

22.Rgc1 Qxe4



Grischuk has safely equalised as White has to guard the isolated d-pawn.

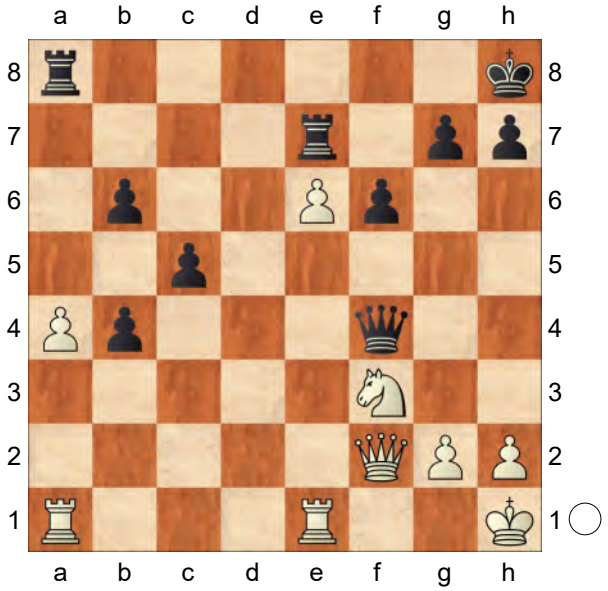
23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.c3 dxc3 25.bxc3 Bc8 3.67/21

[25...Qc6 2.20/12 was called for. 26.cxb4 axb4]

26.Re1

[Weaker is 26.cxb4 Bxe6 27.fxe6 axb4+-]

26...Qf4 27.cxb4 Bxe6 28.fxe6 axb4



29.a5! Rc8

[29...bxa5 30.Qxc5]

30.axb6 Qxc5! would now be deadly.

30...Qd6 7.50/24

[⌓30...Qb8 4.41/20 31.Ra6 Ree8]

31.Ra7 Rxa7 32.bxa7 Qe7 33.Qa2 Ra8 34.Rd1 b3 35.Qxb3 Qxa7

36.Qd5 Intending Qd8+! and mate.

36...g6

(Diagram)

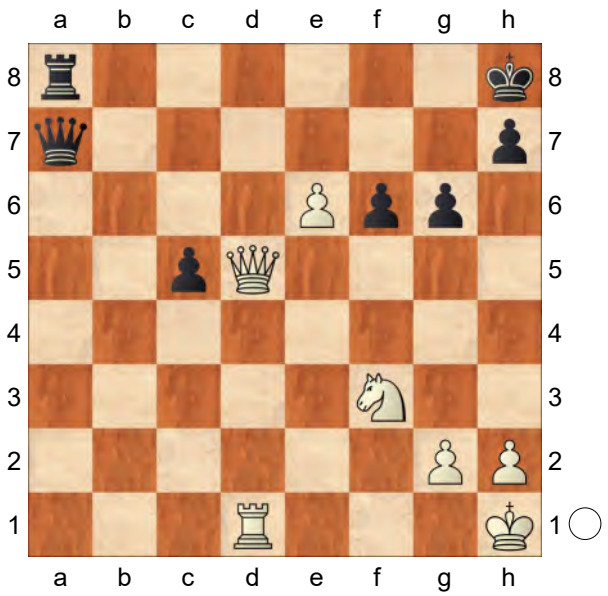
37.Qd8+!! Double Attack **37...Kg7**

[37...Rxd8 38.Rxd8+]

38.e7 Threatening mate with Rd7.

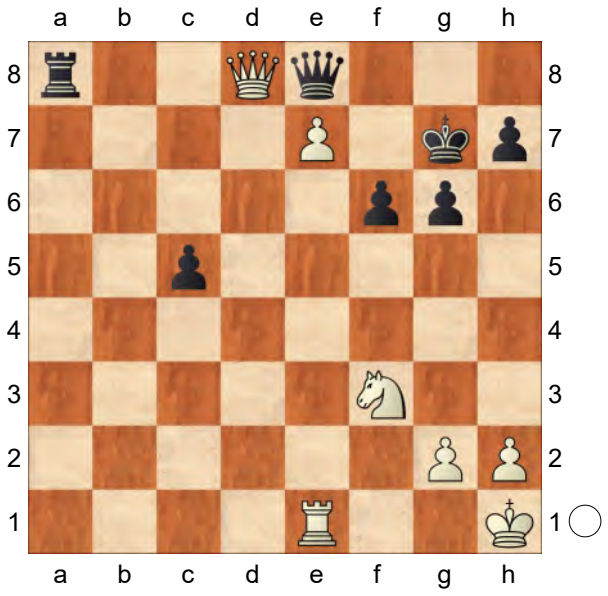
38...Qa4 39.Re1 9.05/21

[⌓39.Rd7 #13/22 Qa1+ 40.Ng1 Rxd8 41.exd8Q+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Kh5 43.Qxc5+ *(43.Rxh7+ Kg5 44.Qxc5+*



Qe5 45.Nf3+ Pin, Double Attack *Kf5 46.Nxe5 fxe5 47.Rf7+ Kg4 48.h3+ Kg5 49.Qe3+ Kh5 50.Rh7#)*
43...Qe5 44.Rxh7+ Kg5 45.Nf3+ Pin, Double Attack Kf5 46.Nxe5]

39...Qe8

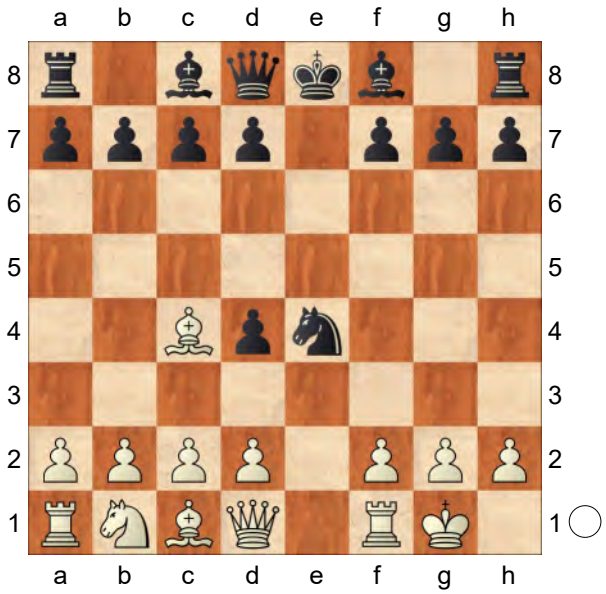


40.Qxa8!!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.47.
Mistake: ---
Black=3
Inaccurate: ---
Black=2
OK: White=15
Black=7
Best: White=1
Black=1
Strong: White=1 ---
. An unexpected result.
½-½

C61
□ **Pavasovic,Dusko** **2597**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2508**
SLO-chT 18th (5) 10.12.2008
[Papp,Petra, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4** This is another move order to reach the main line.
4...exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.0-0
[6.Qe2 Bc5 7.e5 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5 b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Linares 47/(399) 1989]

6...Nxe4



7.Bxf7+N Decoy

[7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6 11.b3 g6 12.Ba3 Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5 17.f5 gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5 Ra6 20.Nc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qc7 4.a3Ba6/ 10.Be2 (2622)-Luba,L (2398) 72/(461) Bratislava 1998 (4.1) 1-0]

7...Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+±

White is slightly better. This leads to a serious advantage for White in all lines. **9...Kg7** The main of the variation and is better for White. Is the main line and is analysed in another game. **10.Qxe4 Qf6 11.d3!** The attacked knight cannot retreat to d7 and is forced into a full retreat to the back rank. **11...Bc5 12.Nd2! Rf8 13.Nf3!** Black's dark squares are weak and the ♘c8 is very passive. **13...h6** Wards off Bg5 **14.b3**

[14.c3 0.31/18 14.Bd2 0.70 dxc3 15.d4+- 1-0 (23) Tzermiadianos,A (2447)-Shen Siyuan (2321) Budapest HUN 2009 Bb6 16.bxc3 d6 17.h4 Be6! 18.Re1 was analysed in a separate CBM article. Rae8 19.Bd2 Qf5]

14...Bb6 15.Bb2

[15.Bd2! d6 16.Rae1+- with a crushing position. g5? Advancing the c-pawn is a logical way to escape the attack but White has a strong reply.

A) 17.Re2 0.00/18 17.h4 0.44 Rb8 0.48/17 *(17...Bd7=* 0.00/18 feels stronger. *18.Qxb7 Rab8)* 18.Rfe1 h4 is the strong threat. Bf5!;

B) 17.h4! Threatening ♗c6 pinning the queen. 17...g4 18.Nh2! Qxh4 19.f3! Opening the d-file and attacking the knight. Bf5!]

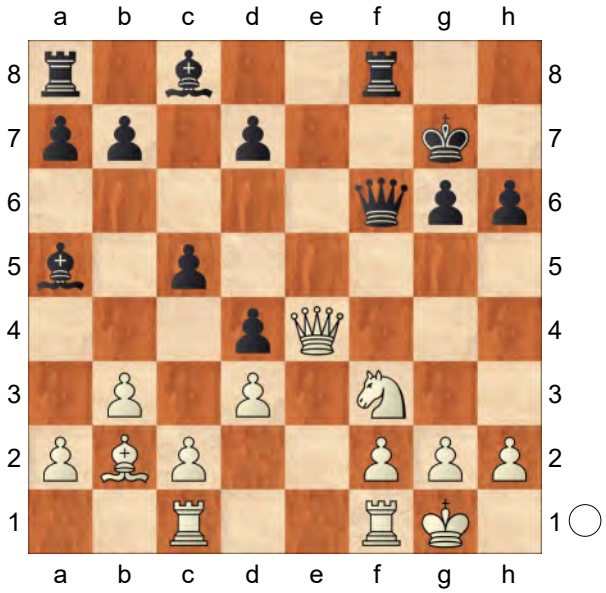
[15.a4 feels hotter. c5 16.b4 cxb4 17.a5]

15...c5 16.Rac1

[16.a4! A nice way to press the attack and Black cannot hold the queenside. a5 17.Rae1 0.51/17 White develops, combining development with the queenside attack and Black's attack never gets started. *(17.Rac1!±* 0.94/19 *)* 17...d6± 18.Nd2! 0.48/18 *(18.Qd5±* 0.95/17 *)* 18...Bc7 19.Nc4 Rb8 20.Bc1+- 1-0 (33) Popovic,D (2574)-Poenisch,E (2203) Lienz AUT 2013 Rf7 Prevents Qe7 21.Bd2 b6]

16...Rd8

[16...Ba5? 2.84/21 16...Rf7 0.65



17.Nxd4!]

[16...Qf5 17.c3]

[16...Rf7 17.Rfe1 *(17.c3±* The double attack wins a pawn. *Re7 18.Qd5 Qc6! 19.Qxc6 dxc6 20.cxd4 Re2! 21.Bc3±* Paramonov,A-Kozlov, M ICCF Email 2001, where the e4-bishop was very vulnerable. *cxd4?!* Black's pawn structure will be weakened after this. *22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Bxd4+ Kf7 24.a4!* The most energetic way to attack the c6-pawn. *Bf5 25.Rfd1!* Completing

development. *a5; 17.a3!* -0.08/22 17.Rfe1 0.59 Avoiding any counterplay on the kingside by keeping the h-file closed. *d6)* 17...Ba5 18.Re2 Hoping for Nxd4! Qf5! 19.Qxf5 Rxf5! Is the best. 20.a3 Threatens to win with b4! d6 21.b4 Bd8 22.bxc5 dxc5+- 23.c3 is also good. dxc3 24.Bxc3+ Kg8! 25.Re8+ Rf8 1-0 (34) Marek,M (2398)-Nikolovski,N (2212) Porto Carras GRE 2015 26.Rxf8+± would have been clearly better for White. Kxf8 27.Bd2 h5 28.Rxc5!± Hawkins,J (2499)-Jaunooby,A (2165) North Shields ENG 2012, gets the queen off the dangerous b-file and White is now ready to castle: Bf5 29.d4 Rc8]

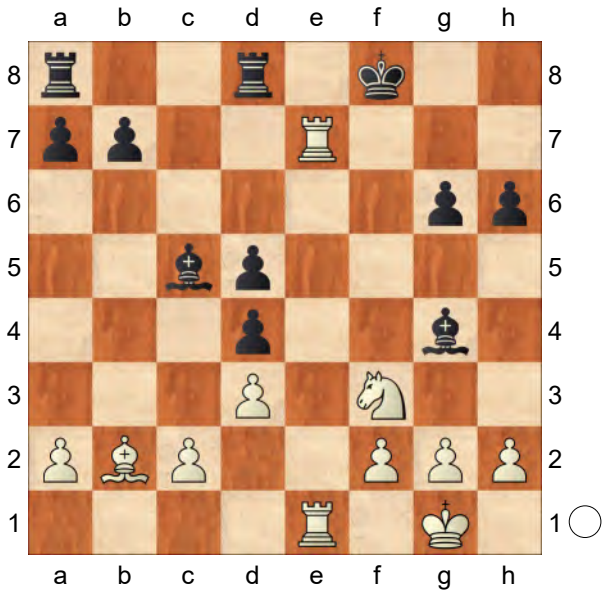
17.Rfe1! d5 18.Qe7+ Qf7 1.85/16
[18...Qxe7± 1.35/18 19.Rxe7+ Kg8]

19.b4+- Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ White is totally dominating the position. **20...Kf8** 2.80/20
[⌓20...Kg8 1.81/19 21.Rce1 Rf8 22.bxc5 Bxc5]

21.Rce1 Bg4 22.bxc5 1.24/21
[22.Rxb7 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rab8±]
[22.Nh4+- 2.78/18 has better winning chances. Black must now prevent h3. Kg8 23.Nxg6 cxb4 24.Ne5 *(24.Rxb7 Rd7+-)*]

22...Bxc5±

(Diagram)



23.Rc7 White has more active pieces.

23...Bb4 2.85/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[23...Rdc8± 1.24/21 24.Rxc5 *(24.Rxb7 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Rab8±)* 24...Rxc5]

24.Rb1 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Rac8 26.Rxb7 Bc5 27.Bc1 g5 28.Rh7+- Bb6 29.Rxh6 Rxc2 30.Bxg5 Re8 31.Rf6+ Kg7 32.h4 Ree2 33.Rf1 Rc7 3.81/12
[⌓33...Bd8 2.67/8 34.Rf5 Ba5]

34.h5 Rxa2 5.16/13
[⌓34...Rf7 3.27/10]

35.Re1 White is clearly winning.

35...Rd7 7.31/15
[⌓35...Bc5 4.80/15 36.Rg6+ Kf7]

36.Re8 Rg6+ would now be deadly.

36...Rc2 37.Rg6+ Kf7 38.Reg8 Rc6 39.R6g7+ Ke6 40.Re8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.40.
Loses game: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=1 Black=5
Inaccurate: --- Black=3
OK: White=19 Black=9
Best: White=1 Black=2
Strong: White=2 ---

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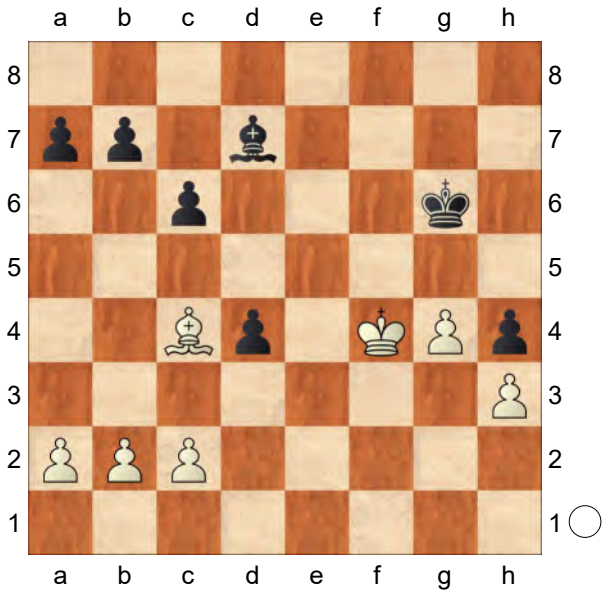
C61

□ **Svidler,Peter** **2746**
■ **Van Wely,Loek** **2677**
Foros Aerosvit 3rd (11) 19.06.2008
[Van Wely,Loek, MH]

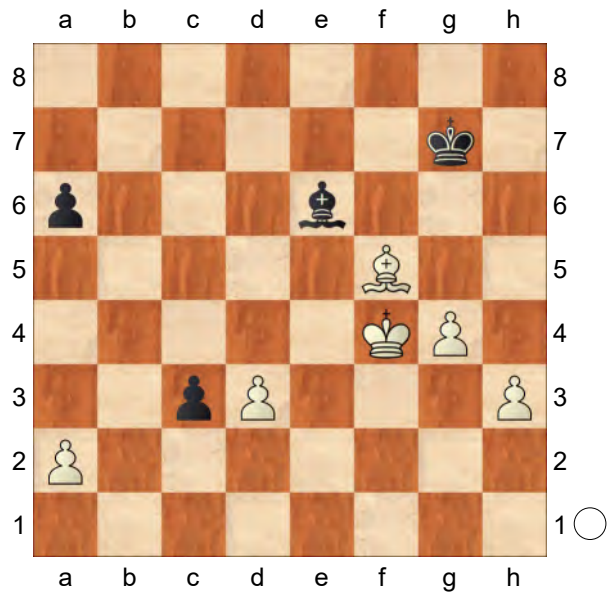
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.f4
[8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3 L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008]
8...f5
[8...Ne7 1.16/20 8...a5 0.40 9.f5]
[8...Nf6! 9.f5]
9.Nd2 Nf6
[9...fxe4 2.10/21 9...Nf6 0.65 10.dxe4? 0.51/15 *(10.Nxe4+-* 2.10/21 *Nf6 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.Re1+ Kd7 13.Qf3)* 10...Nf6± 11.f5 -0.37/23 *(11.e5±* 0.51/20 *Nd5 12.Ne4)*]
10.Bb3 White is better. **10...fxe4N**
[10...Ng4 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Re1+ Kd7 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.h3 h5 15.Ng5 Ne3 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.dxe4 g5 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.f5 g4 21.Be6+ Kc7 22.Qg3 Qxb2 23.Kh1 Qxc2 24.e5 d5 25.Rec1 11.♗e3 ♖g8 (2405)-Moudallal,T (2430) Lloyds Bank op 1979 0-1]
11.Nxe4
[11.dxe4 -0.14/20 11.Nxe4 1.03 Bg4 12.Qe1 *(12.Nf3* -1.24/24 12.Qe1 0.00 *Nxe4)* 12...Be2]
11...Nxe4
[11...Bb6 1.99/23 11...Nxe4 0.88 12.Re1 1.48/21 *(12.Qe2+-* 1.99/23 *Nxe4 13.Qxe4+ Qe7 14.Qxe7+ Kxe7 15.f5)*]
12.dxe4
[12.Re1 0.61/22 12.dxe4 1.01 Qf6?! the move I was worried about, but 13.dxe4! Kd8 14.Bd2 Kc7 15.Kh1 Re8 *(15...Bd7* 1.54/17 15...Re8 0.67 *16.e5)* 16.Qh5 Bd7! 17.e5→ -0.19/18 *(17.Bc4±* 0.61/18 *)* 17...Qf5]
[12.Qe1 Qe7 *(12...d5!? 13.dxe4 0-0∓)* 13.dxe4 Be6!∞ 14.f5 -0.78/21 was my original intention, but after *(14.Bxe6=* 0.06/24 *Qxe6 15.a4)* 14...Bxb3∓ 15.axb3 the point 0-0 16.Kh1 -0.99/22 *(16.Bd2∓* -0.59/24 *)* 16...Rae8! Black is just lucky to make a draw:]
12...Qh4 Dodges Qh5+ Although I still think White should be doing very well in this line (and even worse, I don't believe in it!), first of all it is not easy to prove this at all (but this day will come, don't you worry) and secondly I have to confess, it's probably the only line of the Najdorf which I know extremely well, so what to do? I know I am a sitting duck, but still...
13.f5 Bd7 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.Qf3 0.10/22
[15.Bc4!± 0.91/18]
15...Rde8= 16.Kh1 Rhf8 Repels Bf7
17.Rae1 -1.02/24
[17.Bc4!= -0.01/22]
17...d5∓
[17...Rxf5 Threatens to win with ... Rf6. 18.g3∞ Rxf4! 19.Qxf4 *(19.gxf4* -1.63/20 19.Qxf4 -0.69 *d5!)* 19...Qxf4 20.Rxf4 *(20.gxf4 Bb4! 21.Re2 Bg4)* 20...d5!]
18.g3 -1.73/22
[18.Bg3∓ -0.88/21 dxe4 19.Bxh4 exf3 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Rxf3]
18...dxe4 -0.51/21
[18...Qe7-+ -1.73/22 19.exd5 Qxe1 20.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 21.Kg2 g5 *(21...Rxf5 22.Qd3=)*]
19.Rxe4∓ Qh3 -0.02/18

[19...Qf6!∓ -0.52/23 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
20.Rxe8+= Rxe8 21.g4↑ White has the initiative. **21...Qxf3+ 22.Rxf3 h5 23.h3** This move had been suggested by the rybka-team to Peter during the Wch in Mexico City. This made Peter confident enough, that he didn't bother to check it too deeply. However, a few (logical) moves later he started to regret this very much. Peter's first try had much more venom. Darwin where are you when we need you? **23...Re1+** 0.82/21
[23...Bb6 24.Kg2! - very nice geometry! c5 25.Bd5 - the idea is that a3 isn't covered anymore! hxg4!? 26.hxg4 aiming for Rh3. Bc7]
[23...b5= 0.17/25 remains equal.]
24.Kg2± h4 1.42/22
[Better is 24...Re8 0.73/20]
25.Bc4 1.02/21
[⌓25.Rf1 1.42/22 Re8 26.Bc4]
25...Bb6 26.Rf1 Rxf1 2.67/25
[26...Re8± 0.83/17 was worth a try.]
27.Kxf1 1.27/24 Endgame. KBB-KBB "Forced" since other moves "allow" Black to make a draw....
[27.Bxf1+- 2.67/25 and the rest is easy. Be5 is the strong threat. Bc7 28.Kf3]
27...Bc7 Wards off Be5 **28.Bg5 Bd8**
29.Bxd8 0.76/24 Too slow, either White had to try to remove b3 as soon as possibble, or to distrub Black on the kingside.
[⌓29.Bf4 1.21/23]
29...Kxd8! KB-KB Taking on e4 would not have been in the spirit of the game, Black is aiming for more: the white monarch!
30.Kf2? Losing, but in the heat of the battle difficult to see. **30...Ke7?** After the game when analysing with Peter, he made a very bright remark that he wasn't even sure he was threatening to take on c6. Paradoxically, in a position where the price of time is high and where White has piled up his pieces on the c-file, Black should have forced White to take some pieces off the c-file!
31.Kf3 Hoping for b4. **31...Kf6! 32.Kf4 g5+!** 1.54/31 But only good enough for a draw. It looks dangerous, but with accurate play White can neutralize Black's threats.
[Black should try 32...c5 1.16/23]
33.fxg6 Strongly threatening b4.
33...Kxg6



34.Bd3+! 0.59/22
[White has to play 34.b4!+- 1.77/24]
34...Kg7? 6.41/22
[34...Kf6± 0.59/22]
35.Kg5+- White is clearly winning.
35...c5 36.Kxh4 b5 37.b3 a6 38.Kg3 Be6 39.Kf4 c4 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.Bf5 would cause White only trouble after
41...d3! 42.cxd3
[42.Bxe6? dxc2 43.h4 c1Q+-+ *(43...c1B+? 44.Kf5+-)*]
42...c3

(Diagram)



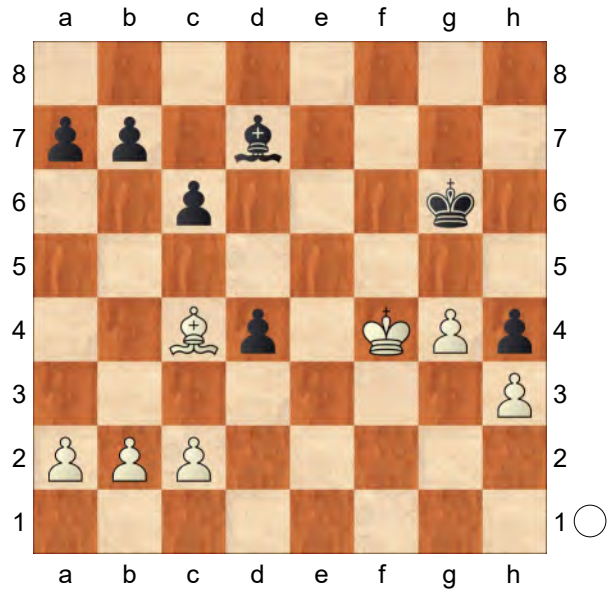
43.Ke3!
[43.Bxe6? perishes. c2 44.Ke5 c1Q-+ *(44...c1B?* loses. *45.d4+-)*]
[43.d4 Bxf5 44.Ke3 *(44.gxf5? c2-+)* 44...Bb1-+]
43...Bxa2 44.d4 Bc4 45.Bd3 Bb5 46.h4 Bxb5 would now be deadly.
46...Kh6∓ Later when double-checking the game with the silicon beast, after some time he indeed came up with
47.d5!! Bd7 48.Bf5
[Stronger than 48.Bxa6 Bxg4 49.d6 c2=]
48...Be8 49.Kd3 a5 50.Kxc3 a4 51.Kb4!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.46.
Loses game: ---
Black=2
Mistake: White=7
Black=5
Inaccurate: ---
Black=2
OK: White=10
Black=8
Best: White=4
Black=3
Strong: ---
Black=1 . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61

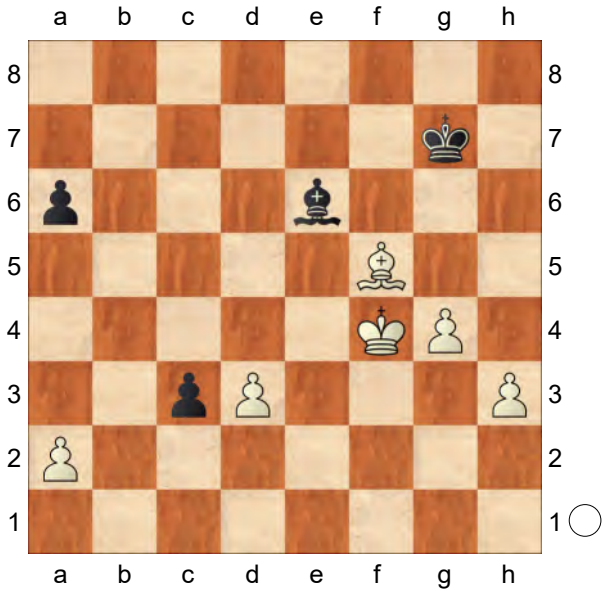
□ **Arnold,Rhys** **2436**
■ **Puiggros,Guillermo** **2202**
CSSR 5/231 (5) 08.06.2008
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.f4
[8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3 L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008]
8...f5 9.Nd2 Nf6 10.Bb3 White is slightly better. **10...fxe4N** 1.03/20
[10...Ng4!± 0.33/20 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Re1+ Kd7 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.h3 h5 15.Ng5 Ne3 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.dxe4 g5 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.f5 g4 21.Be6+ Kc7 22.Qg3 Qxb2 23.Kh1 Qxc2 24.e5 d5 25.Rec1 Qb2 11.♗e3 ♖g8 (2405)-Moudallal,T (2430) Lloyds Bank op 1979 0-1]
11.Nxe4± Nxe4 12.dxe4 Qh4 Repels Qh5+ **13.f5 Bd7 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.Qf3** 0.08/20
[15.Bc4± 0.50/20]
15...Rde8= 16.Kh1 Rhf8 17.Rae1 -0.94/23
[17.Bc4= -0.01/21]
17...d5∓ 18.g3 -1.69/23
[18.Bg3∓ -0.94/20 dxe4 19.Bxh4 exf3 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Rxf3]
18...dxe4 -0.55/23
[18...Qh3!-+ -1.69/23 19.exd5 Qxf5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
19.Rxe4∓ Qh3 -0.01/22

[19...Qf6∓ -0.45/23 should be considered. 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
20.Rxe8+= Rxe8 21.g4 Qxf3+ 22.Rxf3 h5 23.h3 Re1+ 0.76/21
[23...Bb6= 0.15/21 keeps the balance.]
24.Kg2± h4 1.22/22
[⌓24...Bb4 0.84/22]
25.Bc4 0.66/22
[25.Bg5± 1.22/22]
25...Bb6 26.Rf1 Rxf1 1.43/26
[26...Re8!± 0.64/23]
27.Kxf1± 0.75/24 Endgame. KBB-KBB
[⌓27.Bxf1 1.43/26 And now Be5 would win. Bc7 28.Kf3]
27...Bc7± Wards off Be5 **28.Bg5 Bd8! 29.Bxd8 Kxd8** KB-KB **30.Kf2 Ke7** Threatens to win with ...Kf6. **31.Kf3 Kf6** aiming for ...Ke5. **32.Kf4 g5+ 33.fxg6**
[33.Ke4!? c5□ 34.b4=]
33...Kxg6



34.Bd3+ 0.52/23
[White should try 34.b4!± 0.90/25]
34...Kg7? 4.37/25 Loses the game.
[34...Kf6± 0.52/23]
35.Kg5+- c5 36.Kxh4 b5 37.b3 a6 38.Kg3 Be6 39.Kf4 c4 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.Bf5 d3 42.cxd3
[42.Bxe6? dxc2 43.g5 c1Q+-+ *(43...c1B+? 44.Kg4+-)*]
42...c3



43.Ke3!
[43.Bxe6? perishes. c2 44.Bf5 c1Q+-+ *(44...c1B+?* too greedy. *45.Ke4+-)*]
[43.d4? Bxf5 44.Ke3 *(44.gxf5? c2-+)* 44...Be4-+]
43...Bxa2 44.d4 Bc4 45.Bd3 Bb5 46.h4? 3.84/16
[46.Bxb5 #20/24 mates axb5 47.Kd3 b4 48.g5 Kg6 49.h4 Kh7 50.h5 Kg7 51.d5]
46...Kh6? 22.51/24
[46...c2 3.84/16 47.Bxc2 a5]
47.d5 9.32/22
[⌓47.g5+ 22.51/24 Kh5 48.Bxb5]
47...Bd7 48.Bf5
[Worse is 48.Bxa6 Bxg4 49.Bd3 Bd7=]
48...Be8 49.Kd3 a5 50.Kxc3 a4 51.Kb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.76.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=6

Black=6
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=3
OK: White=16
Black=13
Best: White=4 ---
Strong: ---
Black=1
1-0

C61

☐ **Ruy Lopez Bird**
■ **3.Bb5 Nd4 5.0-0 Bc5**
Survey 2008
[Wedberg,Ftacnik,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3**
[6.Bc4 d6 7.c3 *(7.d3 Qh4!? 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.f4 Be6 10.Nf3 Qh5 11.Bb3 Bxb3 12.axb3 Bb6 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Ng5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Rde8 16.Bd2 a6 17.Nxf7 Rhf8 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nf3 d5* ⩲ Ceskovskij-Klaric/Moscow GMA 1989 *)*
A) 7...c6 8.d3 *(8.b4 Bb6 9.Bb2 Ne7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.cxd4 Qf6 13.Qc2 Nf4 14.Bf1 Ne6 15.Na3 Nxd4 16.Qc3 Be6 17.d3 a5 18.Nc2 axb4 19.Qd2 b3 20.axb3 Bxb3 21.Nxd4 Bxd4 22.Rab1* 0-1 Grosar,A (2355)-Kupreichik,V (2500)/Berlin West 1987 (42) *)* 8...Ne7 *(8...Nf6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.cxd4 Bg4 11.Nf3 Bxd4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 d5 14.Bb3 Re8 15.Re1 Nd7 16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Qg3 a5 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 a4 20.Bd1 dxe4 21.Rxe4 Nd7 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bg4 Nf6 24.Bf3 Nd5* 1/2 Ehlvest,J (2580)-Ivanchuk,V (2625)/Reggio Emilia 1988 *)* 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nf3 Bb6 13.h3 h6 14.Re1 Be6 15.Be3 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qxd1 17.Bxd1 Ba5 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Nxd2 Rfd8 20.Nf3 c5 1/2 Romanishin,O (2590)-Dzindzichashvili,R (2570)/ Tilburg 1985 (34);
B) 7...Ne7 8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bd5 Bb6 *(10...Bf6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Bd7 13.Qc2 0-0 14.d3 d5 15.Nc3 Bc6* ⩲ Ehlvest *)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.d4 ± Romanishin]
[6.Qh5 This is not a bad move. White seems to get a slight advantage here. Qe7 7.d3 Nf6 8.Qh4 c6 9.Bc4 *(9.Ba4 a5 10.a3 b5 11.Bb3 a4 12.Ba2 d6 13.Bg5 h6 14.f4* ± Δ14...0-0 15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.♕xf6 gxf6 17.f5, Naumkin. *)* 9...d5 10.Bb3 dxe4 11.Bg5 ↑ Malaniuk]
[6.c3 c6
A) 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.d3 d5
A1) 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.cxd4 *(10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Be6* looks dangerous for Black, but in fact White cannot prevent Black castling with an equal game. *)* 10...Bxd4 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f4 f5
A slightly risky idea designed to hold up White's kingside play by direct means. 13.e5 b5?
A very bad move. I had the ambitious idea to advance my queenside pawns as quickly as possible, but Black cannot succeed while his development is not complete. *(⌓13...Bb6* followed by ..c5 and ...♗e6 would have been equal. *)* 14.Bb3 c5

Consistent, but bad.
*(*However even the superior *⌓14...Bb6* is good for White after *15.a4 b4 16.Nf3* (threat d4) *c5 17.Be3* intending either a5 or simply ♕c2 and ♖ c1. *)* 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.a4 I had overlooked this simple move which causes Black's position to fall apart. Ba6 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Be3 Black is doomed by the weakness of d5. Ne6 20.Qf3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Qd7 22.Rxc6 A simple but attractive finish. Qxc6 23.Bxd5 Qc8 24.Rc1 Rb8 25.Rxc5 Qd7 26.Rc6 Rfe8 27.Rd6 Qf7 28.Bc4 1-0 Huebner,R (2620)-Nunn,J (2590)/Brussels 1986
A2) 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nd2 Bb6 12.c4 Ng6 13.Bg3 dxe4 14.dxe4 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 34 ∓ Kirpicnikov-Sulman/USSR 1987/0-1;

B) 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.b4 Be7 10.Re1 Nf6 11.b5 Be6 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.cxd4 Rfd8 16.Bb2 Rab8 17.Bc3 c5 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Be5 Bd6 20.Bc4 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf4 22.Re4 Rb4 23.Rxf4 Rxc4 24.Rxc4 Bxc4 25.f3 a5 26.Nc3 Rxd2 27.Rc1 Rd8 28.Na4 Be6 29.Nxc5 1/2 Timman,J (2620)-Beliavsky,A (2585)/Tilburg 1986]

[6.b4 A wild move, not yet fully analysed. Bxb4 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4 0-0 10.Qxd4 c6 Soloveev-Skotorenko/cr 1976]

[6.e5 A new try. Maybe Black should simply play 6...♘e7 and 7...0-0. c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.d3 Ne7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Ne4 Nd5 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Qf3 Bg6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Bd2 ± Jurtaev-Klaric/Moscow GMA 1989]

[6.Qf3 Ne7 7.d3 c6 8.Bc4 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.Na3 g5 15.Bd2 Qd7 16.Nb5 Bb6 17.Rfe1 Rf7 18.c4 dxc3 19.Bxc3 Rd8 20.h3 Ng6 21.Bd4 1-0 Hjartarson,J (2545)-Malaniuk,V (2575)/Moscow 1987 (44)]

6...c6 7.Ba4

[7.Bc4 d5! This is a typical and important method in the Bird. Black likes to have double d-pawns. 8.exd5 cxd5

A) 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 *(10.Re1 0-0 11.Nd2 a5 12.a4 Bb4* 33 ∓ Anand-Ceskovskij/Calcutta 1986/ 0-1*; 10.c4 0-0 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nd2 Ne3 13.fxe3 dxe3 14.Qh5 exd2+ 15.Qxc5 dxc1Q 16.Raxc1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Qe3 Qf6* = Dvoyris-Balashov/ USRch 1986 *)* 10...f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 Beljavskij-Ceskovskij/URSch 1986/ Black played 21...f5? and finally lost. Rb6! 22.Rad1 Rb4 23.Nf3 b5 24.axb5 a4 25.Ba2 Rxb2 ∓ Beljavskij;

B) 9.Bb5+ Bd7 *(9...Kf8!? 10.c3 Ne7 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 g6 13.Bh6+ Kg8 14.Re1 Be6* 31 ∓ Δ♘f5 Sigurjonsson-Kuprejchik/ Winnipeg 1986/0-1 *)* 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7= 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 *(12.Nf3 0-0 13.Bf4 Rfe8 14.Re1 f6 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Re1 g5 18.Bg3 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Kf7* 1/2 Megaranto,S

(2524)-Short,N (2677)/Turin 2006 (30) *)* 12...Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5

B1) 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.a4 Nf5 18.Rfe1 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qf3 40 = Rohde-Christiansen/USA(ch) 1986/0-1 *(20.Qg4 Kg7 21.Nc1 Rac8 22.c3 Rf7 23.Qh3 h5 24.Ne2 g5 25.Ng3 Nxg3 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.hxg3 Kf7* 1/2 Ljubojevic,L (2580)-Salov,V (2630)/Rotterdam 1989 (46)*)* ; **B2)** 15.a4 0-0 16.Re1 Ng6 17.h3 Rfc8 = Lanc-Ceskovskij/ Trnava 1986]

7...Ne7

[7...Nf6 8.c3 d6 9.b4 Bb6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Bb2 c5 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.a4 a5 14.bxa5 Rxa5 15.Nd2 Bg4 16.f3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qb3 Ke7 19.Nc4 Ra6 20.Ba3 Ne8 21.Nxd6 Nxd6 22.e5 Qd7 23.Bxd6+ Kf7 24.f4 g6 25.f5 1-0 Delgado Ramirez, N (2541)-Hansen,E/Dos Hermanas 2004]

[7...d6 8.Nd2 *(8.f4* 'Probably, the most principled continuation. White is occupying some space on the kingside, that will help him to manage iniative there. Another possibility is' Black didn't equalize after *Nf6 9.f5 h6 10.Bf4 Bd7 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.Rae1 Rde8 14.Bg3 Bb4 15.Rf2 g5 16.a3 Bxd2 17.Rxd2 h5 18.c3 h4 19.Bf2 g4 20.Qf4 dxc3 21.bxc3 g3 22.hxg3 hxg3 23.Bxg3 Nh5 24.Qxd6 Nxg3 25.Qxg3 Qxa3 26.Bd1 Qxc3 27.Qe3 Bxf5 28.Rc2 Qa5 29.Rc5 Qc7 30.Rxf5 Qh2+ 31.Kf2* 1-0 McShane,L (2619)-Mamedyarov,S (2585)/Lausanne 2003 (46) *)* 8...Ne7

A) 9.f4 f5 10.Bb3 'transfering the knight to f3.'

A1) 10...Kd7 Black cannot castle short, therefore, he transfers his monarch to the queenside. Black tried also 11.Kh1

Good prophylactic move. White moves away the king from the a7-g1 diagonal. In the preceding game white continued *(11.Nf3 Kc7 12.Kh1 h6 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 g5 15.e5 Ng6 16.d4 Bb6 17.a4 Kb8 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Ne5± ½-½* Skrebnevskis,R-Martinkus,R/Vilnius 1995/ (27) *)* 11...Kc7 12.c3 Now white is opening up the game. Ng6 13.cxd4 *(*Less convincing is *13.Nf3 dxc3 14.bxc3 fxe4 15.dxe4 Bg4∞)* 13...Bxd4 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.Bd2 completing the development. fxe4 preparing to develop the light-squared bishop to g4. 16.dxe4 Bg4 17.Qc2 Bxf3 It is important to eliminate white's knight, as white can transfer it to g5. *(*After *17...Qe7 18.Ng5↑* white's initiative is dangerous for black. *)* 18.Rxf3 Qe7 19.Rd1! threatning with ♗b4 with following e4-e5 strike. Rad8 strengthening the d6 pawn. *(*In case of *19...Bc5* white is weakening black's monarch residence by *20.Ba5+!±)* 20.Rg3! Now white is threatening to win an exchange by f4-f5 with following ♗g5. Rde8 *(*Black doesn't maintain material balance after *20...Rd7 21.f5 Ne5 22.Be6+-)* 21.Bb4!

A1a) 21...c5 doesn't prevent from white an obvious

advantage: 22.f5! Ne5 *(22...Qxe4 23.Bc3 c4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4 25.Ba4+-)* 23.Bd2**±**;

A1b) 21...Bc5 22.Bc3 Of course, white doesn't change the bishops. *(22.Bxc5? dxc5 23.f5 Ne5 24.Rc3 b6∞)* 22...Qxe4 Practically, it is the best chance to change the character of the struggle. Objectively, this continuation is not the best... *(22...Kb8 23.f5 Ne5 24.Be6 Rd8 25.b4 Bb6 26.b5±)* 23.f5

A1b1) The endgame after 23...Qxc2 24.Bxc2 Ne5 25.Rxg7+ is losing for black: Nd7 *(25...Kb8 26.b4+-)* 26.f6+-;

A1b2) 23...Qh4 24.Bxg7 winning an exchange. *(24.Rh3 Qg4 25.fxg6? Re2 26.Rg3 Qxg3 27.Qxe2 hxg6 28.h3 Rxh3+ 29.gxh3 Qxh3+ 30.Qh2 Qf3+=; 24.fxg6?? Qxg3-+)* 24...Ne5

A1b21) 25.Bxh8?? Ng4 26.Rxg4 *(26.h3 Qxg3-+)* 26...Re1+-+;

A1b22) 25.Rh3?! Qf4 26.Bxh8 Rxh8 27.Qd2 Qxf5 28.Bc2**±**;

A1b23) 25.Qe2! 0-1 Fressinet,L (2627)-Fontaine,R (2526)/ Chartres 2005 (33) covering the g4 square, thus, neutralizing black's counterplay.;

A2) 10...d5 11.e5 *(⌓11.exd5)* 11...Be6 12.Nf3 Qd7= 1-0 Tatari,E-Hoiberg,N/Aarhus 1993/ (38);

A3) 10...a5 11.a4 Kd7 *(11...d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qh6 Be6 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.Re1 Rf8 17.Bd2 Bg8 18.Re2± 1-0* Mastrovasilis,D-Jirka,J/Wch U20 Nakhchivan 2003 (33) *)* 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4 Bb6 14.Ng3 Kc7 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.g4 Bd7 17.f5 Qh4 18.Bf4 h5 19.Bg3 Qg5 20.Qf3 Rae8 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 hxg4 23.Raf1 Rhf8 24.Rxg4 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Bxf5 26.Rxg7+ 1-0 Syrigos,N-Tsihlis,G/Poros 1998/ (49);

B) 9.Qh5 Be6 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Ng5 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c3 Ng6 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Be3 Bb6 16.Rac1 Rdf8 17.d4 Nf4 18.Qd1 Qf7 19.g3 Ng6 20.b4 1-0 Hagarova,Z-Jirka,J/Trinec 1998/ (29);

C) 9.a3 a5 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bb2 Be6 13.f4 c5 14.bxc5 Bxb3 15.cxb3 dxc5 16.a4 f5 17.Nc4 Bb8 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Qf3 fxe4 21.dxe4 b5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Qh3 Ra6 24.Ra4 Rb8 25.Rb1 1-0 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2732)/Monte Carlo 2004 (53);

D) 9.c3 Bb6 10.Qh5 dxc3 *(10...0-0 11.Bb3 d5 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.a4±)* 11.bxc3 0-0 12.d4 Bacrot has no reason to complain about the result of the opening phase. Black must play carefully in order to get a chance to equalize. *(12.Bb3 Be6 13.Nf3 h6 14.Re1±)* 12...Be6 *(12...Ba5*

13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bb3±) 13.Nf3 f6 14.Bb3 Qd7 *(14...d5 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Ba3 Rae8 17.Rab1±)* 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4 *(17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.d5±)* 17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3 *(18...Bc7 19.Re3 Qf7 20.Qg3 Bxb3 21.axb3 f5 22.exf5 Qxf5⇄)* 19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3 *(20.Qg3 Rfe8 21.f3 d5=)* 20...Rfe8 21.Rae1 d5! 0-1 Bacrot,E (2712)-Morozevich,A (2743)/Biel 2004 (45) Morozevich has managed to everything right and his pieces occupy ideal squares. The position is truly equal.]

8.Qh5

[8.f4 This is my recommendation for White. Black obviously must play 8...f5. Look at the game Blatny-Malaniuk for inspiration.

A) 8...f5 The only move to stop White's expansion.

A1) 9.Qh5+ 0.16/25 9.Bb3 0.86 Tempting as it may seem this move is probably not dangerous to Black. g6 10.Qh6 -0.18/24 *(⌓10.Qg5* 0.23/22 *)* 10...Ng8 11.Qg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bb3 d6 15.exd6 Kd7 16.Nd2 Re8 Dodges Re1 17.Nf3 Kxd6 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 58 Blatny-Malaniuk/Warszawa 1989/ -;

A2) 9.Bb3! An obvious move, but 9.♕h5+ have been played mostly. 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+!

A2a) 11...Ne3? 12.Bxe3 dxe3 13.c3 Against Qd4 e2+ 2.43/23 *(13...Kd7±* 1.00/21 *14.Qf3 Re8)* 14.d4+-;

A2b) 11...Be7 1.84/22 11...Kf7 0.97 12.Qe2 1.10/22 *(12.Qh5+!+-* 1.84/22 *g6 13.Qh6)* 12...Kf7± 13.Nd2 Bf6 14.Nc4! Aiming at e5 and preventing 14...Te8 (15.Sd6+!) at the same time. b5 15.Ne5+ Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Re8 17.Qxe8+ Qxe8 18.Rxe8 Kxe8 19.a4? 0.23/21 With a nice ending for White! *(19.Bxd5+-* 1.77/23 *cxd5 20.b3)*;

A2c) 11...Kf8 1.73/22 11...Ne3 1.04 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6+ Kg8 2.07/23 *(13...Kf7±* 1.41/22 *)* 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 Bg7 1.95/22 *(15...Kg7±* 1.54/19 *)* 16.Nf3+- h6 2.72/22 *(⌓16...Bf6* 1.82/18 *17.Qh6 Bg7 18.Bxd5+ cxd5)* 17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+! After this White is completely winning. But Ivanchuk wasn`t able to put up any resistance in this game. He had planned to play the French, - but made a 'fingerfehler'. He lost his interest and only used 25 minutes for the game. cxd5 19.b3!+- 1-0 Kamsky,G (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2680)/Tilburg 1990 (46);

A2d) 11...Kf7 12.Nd2 g6 1.57/22 *(⌓12...Re8* 0.97/20 *)* 13.Nf3± Kg7 14.Bd2 1.31/22 *(*White should play *14.Bxd5+-* 1.71/23 *Qxd5 15.Re5)* 14...Qd6 2.03/22 Kaiumov prefers 14...□f6, but assesses it ». *(14...Re8* 1.82/22 14...Nf6 1.34 *15.Rxe8 Qxe8 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qf1* f2, «e1 xd4*; 14...Nf6±* 1.31/22

15.Re5 Bd6) 15.Bxd5+-

A2d1) 15...Qxd5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Re7+ Kf6? 9.84/25 *(17...Kf8* 2.12/21 *)* 18.Qe1+- Qh4+ would kill now. h6 19.Ng5 +- Kaiumov;

A2d2) 15...cxd5 16.Qe2 a5 17.Qf2 Bd7?! *(17...Qb6 18.Rab1)* 18.Nxd4 Rhc8 2.48/22 *(18...b6* 1.99/21 was worth a try. *19.Re5 h5)* 19.Be3 » Kaiumov-Egin/URS 1988/1-0 60;

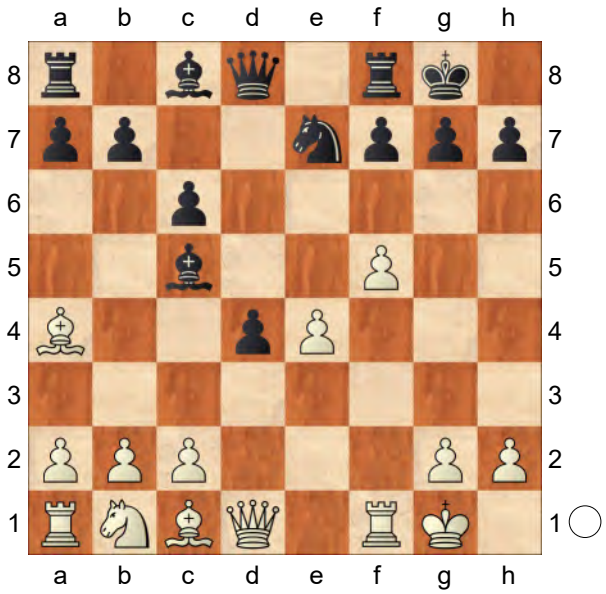
B) 8...d5 Not the best move. But look carefully at this game because it is a fine display of White's attacking resources once he gets f5 in. 9.f5 0.25/21 *(9.Bb3±* 0.69/22 *)*

B1) 9...f6 1.71/21 9...a5 0.34 10.Qh5+ Kf8 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.c3 Be8 13.Qh4 1.29/19 *(13.Qh3+-* 1.65/21 *)* 13...dxe4 2.18/22 *(13...dxc3±* 1.29/19 *14.Nxc3 Kg8)* 14.dxe4+- Qb6 3.13/19 *(⌓14...h5* 2.14/20 *15.e5 Ng8)* 15.Bb3+- White threatens Qxf6+! and mate. Bf7 16.Nd2 dxc3 17.bxc3 Qa6 18.Re1 2.17/20 26 » Kindermann-Tatai/Budapest 1987/1-0 *(⌓18.e5* 4.08/22 *Qd3 19.exf6 Nxf5 20.Qf4)*;

B2) 9...g6 10.f6 Ng8 11.exd5 b5 12.Qe1+ Kf8 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb3 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Bf5? 4.93/22 *(15...Rb8* 2.91/20 was called for. *16.Bb3 a5)* 16.Bxa8 1-0 Kindermann-Lorenz/Berlin 1987;

B3) 9...a5!= 0.25/21 remains equal.;

B4) 9...dxe4 1.12/21 10.dxe4± aiming for Qh5. 0-0



11.Bb3 0.84/20 *(⌓11.Qh5!* 1.33/22 f6 is the strong threat. *b6 12.f6 gxf6 13.Kh1)* 11...Bd6 1.56/22 *(⌓11...a5* 0.84/20 *)* 12.Qh5± d3 2.72/20 *(12...Kh8* 1.61/20 might work better. *13.f6 gxf6)* 13.cxd3+- Be5 14.Rf3 Rh3 would now be deadly. Qd4+ 2.14/23 *(⌓14...g6* 1.72/16 *15.Qg5 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Bf6)* 15.Be3?? -3.21/20 *(15.Kh1+-* 2.14/23 And now Rh3 would win. *g6 16.fxg6 Nxg6 17.Nc3)* 15...Qxb2-+ 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ -1.73/23 *(⌓17...Nxf5* -3.48/25 *18.Bxg7 Qc1+ 19.Kf2 Qf4+ 20.Ke1 Kxg7)* 18.Kh1 Qf2?? 6.39/21 *(18...Nxf5-+* -1.72/19 *19.Bxg7 Qc1+ 20.Bd1 Kxg7)* 19.Nc3+- Threatening mate with Be3! g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Strongly threatening Be3! Qf6 22.Be3 1-0 Spassky,B (2605)-Barua,D (2450)/New York 1987]

[8.Nd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bb3 0-0 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.Qh5 f6 15.h3 Rae8 16.Re2

b6 17.Rae1 Black must now prevent Ng5! Bf7 18.Qf3! Bd8 19.c3 0.04/27 *(19.Bf4± 0.46/22)* 19...f5 20.Ng3 dxc3 21.bxc3 g6 22.c4 Nc7 23.Bc3 1-0 Karpov,A (2695)-Kupreichik,V (2490)/Moscow 1976 (41)]

[8.Bg5 0.04/25 8.f4 0.70 0-0 9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qh5 Be6 12.f4 -1.65/22 *(12.Re1∓ -0.31/22)* 12...f6 = Botvinnik]

[8.c3 ECO gives a line 0-0 9.Nd2! Bb6 *(9...dxc3* 0.77/21 9...Bb6 0.20 *10.bxc3 d5 11.d4! Bb6 12.Ba3* assessing it as equal, but it looks good for White to me, so 8...d5 is more accurate. *)* 10.c4 -0.06/20 *(10.Kh1!±* 0.62/21 *)* 10...d5 = Abramovic]

8...d5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3

[10.Bb3 a5 11.exd5 -0.27/22 *(11.a4±* 0.31/22 *)* 11...cxd5= Hoping for ...a4. 12.a4 Ra6 Black had good chances in Campora-Fernandez Garcia/Dubai(ol) 1986/ -61]

10...f6

[10...a5 11.c3 dxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Re1 Bd6 14.exd5 b5 15.Bc2 cxd5 16.Nd4 b4 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

11.Bb3N

[11.exd5 Nxd5 11...cxd5!? accepting the doubled d-pawns was interesting. 12.Re1 Bd7 0.48/21 *(12...a5=* 0.10/21 *)* 13.Bb3± Be8 14.Qh4 Bf7 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Re4 Bxb3 17.axb3 Ng6 18.Qh3 ± Lau-Anand/Moscow GMA 1989 Re8 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Re1 Qf7 21.Qg4 Rd8 22.h4 Qd7 23.Qe4 Qd5 24.b4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Bb6 26.h5 Nf8 27.g4 Kf7 28.Kg2 Ne6 29.Nh4 Rd5 30.f4 Rd7 31.Kf3 Nc7 32.g5 fxg5 33.fxg5 Lau,R (2475)-Anand,V (2525) 47/ (399) Moscow 1989]

11...Be6 12.e5 -0.95/24 White creates a 3 against 2 pawn majority on the ♔-side, but at the same time he excludes his ♗ on b3 from the fight. This ♗ can often be a problem for White in the Bird. In this game Flear intructively plays on that theme.

[12.Bd2= -0.02/20 keeps the balance.]

12...Qe8 -0.17/22

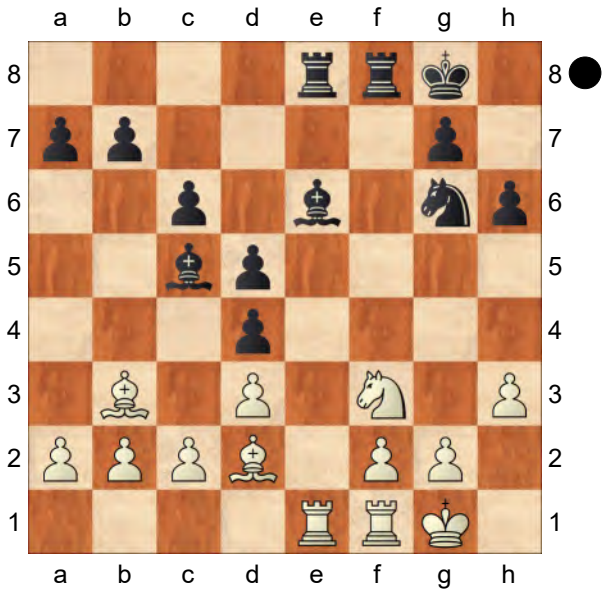
[12...Qc8∓ -0.95/24 Threatens to win with ...Bg4. 13.h3 *(13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Ng5 Rh6=)* 13...Bf7]

13.Qxe8= Raxe8 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bg5 Rff8 16.Rae1 Ng6 17.h3 -0.70/24

[17.c3= -0.20/24]

17...h6 18.Bd2 -1.12/24

[White should try 18.Nh4∓ -0.52/22 hxg5 19.Nxg6]



18...Bd7 -0.05/24

[18...Rxf3!∓ -1.12/24 19.gxf3 Nh4]

19.Rxe8 The position is equal. **19...Rxe8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Kf7**

0-1 Ernst,T (2465)-Flear,G (2495)/

Gausdal 1987 (40).
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise) .
Mistake: White=3
Black=2
OK: White=3
Black=5
Best: White=1 ---

C61

☐ **Ruy Lopez Bird**
■ **3.Bb5 Nd4**
Survey 2008
[Wedberg,Ftacnik,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4
'Black avoids the fashionable variations of Ruy Lopez defence with this move.'
4.Nxd4
[4.Bc4 Bc5 *(4...Nf6 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 c6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.d4 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxe5 dxe5* = Godes-Mih. Cejtin/cr 1988 *)* 5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.a4 a6 10.Be3 Nxe4 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd5 Nf6 13.dxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Rb8 16.Nd2 b5 17.Qd4 bxa4 18.Ne4 Kh8 23 ∓ Romanischin-Malaniuk/Tiblisi 1986/ -]
[4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 *(5.b4 Bxb4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bxd4 d5 10.a3 Ba5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.Bb3 Qc6 14.f4* Kosten-Flear/Gausdal 1987*; 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.d3 Qxf3 8.gxf3 Ne7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Bb6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 d6 13.Bb3 Kh8 14.a4 f5 15.Bg5* Now would 15...♘g6! have given Black an OK game. Mokry-Agdestein/Gausdal 1987 *)* 5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qh4!? 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 d6 9.h3 h5 10.Kh1 Nf6 11.Bb3 a5 12.a4 Rf8 13.Qg3 Qxg3 14.fxg3 Nh7 15.Bd2 Ke7 16.Rae1 Be6 17.Bxe6 Kxe6 ∓ Tsoumis-Wedberg/ Athens 1980]
4...exd4 5.0-0
[5.Bc4 Preventing 5...♗c5 by means of 6.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 7.♕h5+ and 8.♕xc5.
A) 5...Nf6
A1) 6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 *(10...c5 11.d3 Qe7 12.Qf4 b6 13.Qf3 d5 14.Qxd5 Bb7 15.Qg5 Re8 16.Na3 Qxg5 17.Bxg5 h6 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bg3 h5* 1/2 Becerra Rivero,J (2545)-Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2555)/ Las Tunas 1996 (42) *)* 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 14.c3 dxc3 15.d4 Bb6 16.bxc3 d6 17.h4 Be6 18.Re1 Rae8 19.Bd2 Qf5 20.Qe3 Qh5 21.a4 1/2 Sokolov,A (2645)-Tukmakov, V (2575)/Leningrad 1987 (30)
A2) 6.Qe2 Bc5! 7.e5 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.0-0 Ra6 15.Rae1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4 18.Re2 Re7 19.Qf3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Re6 22.Qf3 c6* 0-1 Semeniuk,A-Malaniuk,V (2575)/Sverdlovsk 1987 (34) *)* 7...0-0! 8.0-0 d5! 9.exf6 *(9.Bb3 d3! 10.Qxd3 Ng4!∓)* 9...dxc4 10.Qh5 *(10.Qxc4 Bd6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 Qh4 13.g3 Qh5* oder 13...♕h3 *)* 10...b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2! 16.Nd2 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 Bxd3

18.Rfe1 Be2 19.Bxc7 d3! **Δ** ♗b4 20.a3 a5 21.Bf4 Re4 22.Bd2 Rae8 23.Bc3 a4! 24.Ng5 Rc4 25.Rad1 Rc8 0-1 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635)/Linares 1989 (44)

B) 5...d6 6.0-0 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Qh5+ Kd7 9.c3 dxc3 10.Nxc3 c6 11.d4 Nf6 12.Qh3 Qa5 13.b4 Qh5 14.Qd3 Be7 15.b5 Rhc8 16.bxc6+ bxc6 17.Rb1 Ke8 18.Rb7 c5 19.d5 c4 20.Qb1 Kf8 21.dxe6 Qe5 22.Nd5 Re8 23.Nxe7 Nxe4 24.Re1 1-0 Ponomariov,R (2723)-Khamrakulov,I (2527)/Zafra 2007

C) 5...h5 6.c3 *(6.d3 Bc5 7.Nd2 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.Bb3 Nf6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Bg5 dxe4 13.dxe4 0-0-0 14.h3 Rde8 15.Rfe1 Qxe4 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxf7 d3 18.Be3 Ref8 19.hxg4 Rxf7 20.Ne5 Rf6 21.Nxd3 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Nd6* 0-1 Belov,V (2543)-Najer,E (2606)/playchess.com INT 2004 (63) *)* 6...Bc5 7.d3 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Nd2 *(11.Qe1 Nf6 12.cxd4 Bd6 13.Bg5 Be6 14.h3 Qb6 15.Nc3 Qxd4 16.Qe3 Qe5 17.Qxe5 Bxe5 18.Rfe1 Bd4 19.Ba4 Rd8 20.Ne2 Bb6 21.Nf4* 1-0 Saltaev,M (2495)-Najer,E (2455)/Moscow 1995 (37)*)* 11...Bg4 12.Nf3 Qf6 13.Bd2 Ne7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxf3 16.gxf3 Ng6 17.f4 Nh4 18.Rfd1 Rh6 19.c4 Rg6+ 20.Kf1 a6 0-1 Vysochin,S (2584)-Najer,E (2608)/bereg.ru Int 2003 (67)

D) 5...c6!? The sequence 5...♘f6 6.0-0 ♘xe4 7.♗xf7+ has been played a lot recently, but the results favors White. 6.0-0

D1) 6...Nf6 7.Re1 *(7.Qe2 d6 8.c3 Be7 9.cxd4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 d5 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.d3 Bf6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Nc3 g6 16.Rac1 Kd7 17.Nb5 Rhc8 18.Bf4 Bd8 19.Nc3 Bf6 20.Be3 Rc6* 1/2 Khalifman,A (2515)-Malaniuk,V (2545)/Sverdlovsk 1987 (41)*)* 7...d6 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 c5 11.h3 Rb8 12.c3 dxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Bb3 Liberzon-Henley/Lone Pine 1980;

D2) 6...g6 7.c3 Bg7 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.d3 Nf6 10.cxd4 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.Nc3 Be6 14.a3 h6 15.Bf4 Kg8 16.Rfe1 Kh7 17.Be5 Rhd8 18.h3 Rac8 19.Ba4 Ng8 20.Bb3 1-0 Ljubojevic,L (2645)-Spassky,B (2605)/London 1982 (36)

D3) 6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7

D3a) 9.Qe2+ Ne7 *(9...Be7 10.b3 Nh6 11.Bb2 Nf5 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Qxd5 Bf6 15.Na3 g6 16.Qf3 Bc6 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Qf4 Qd7 19.Nc4 Qd5 20.f3 Rae8 21.Ne3 Qc5 22.Qxf5 Be5 23.Ng4 Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2* 1-0 Anand,V (2670)-Beliavsky,A (2620)/Brussels 1992 *)* 10.b3 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qd3 Qf5 *(12...Nc6 13.Bb2 Be7 14.Bxd4 Nb4 15.Qg3 Nxc2 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Nc3 Nxa1 18.Rxa1* ⩲ according to Cabrilo, but White must be better I think.*; 12...0-0-0?! 13.Bb2 Nc6 14.Bxd4 h5 15.Nc3* 23

» Oll-Guseinov/Klaipeda 1988/ 1-0 *)* 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qe3+ Be7 15.Bb2 0-0 16.d3 Bf6 ⩲ Cabrilo;

D3b) 9.Re1+ Ne7

D3b1) 10.a4 a6 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0 13.b4 Nf5 14.b5 a5 15.Bd2 *(15.Bf4 f6 16.b6 Bc5 17.Bc7±* 1-0 Zagorovsky,V-Dubinin,P/Leningrad 1949/ (35) *)* 15...b6 16.c3 Bc5 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Be3 Rhe8 19.Nd2 Kb7 1/2 Kasparov,G (2838)-Khalifman,A (2698)/Moscow 2002 (73);

D3b2) 10.c4!? Excellent move! a6 New, but it doesn´t solve Black´s problems. *(10...Rc8 11.d3 Bxb5 12.cxb5 Qd7 13.Na3 f6 14.Nc2 Qxb5 15.Nxd4±* ½-½ Luther,T-Klip,H/ Pardubice 1999/ (31)*; 10...dxc3 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.dxc3±; 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4±; 10...Bxb5 11.cxb5 Qd7 12.d3 Qxb5 13.Na3 Qd7 14.Nc2±)* 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0?! White has a ♙-majority on a-b-c and Black has weakened himself with a6. This makes 0-0-0 very risky for Black, but there were no easy alternatives since 0-0 was almost impossible to achieve. *(12...g6 13.Bg5±; 12...f6!?* planning ♔f7, but it doesn´t look quite reliable.*; 12...h6 13.Nd2 g6 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Nc4 Rd8 16.Bf4±)* 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.b4! White has an easy game. The attack rolls almost by itself. dxc4 15.dxc4 Keeping control over d5 and securing a successful ♙-break on the ♕-side. *(15.Nxc4 Nd5±)* 15...Nc6 16.b5 axb5 17.cxb5 Nb4 18.Nc4 Qf5 *(18...Qxb5 19.Bf4+ Ka7 20.Ne5 Qd5 21.Qa4+ Na6 22.Rab1→)* 19.Re5 Qc2 20.Bf4!+- White´s attack is not impaired by an exchange of ♕:s. Qxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Ka8 22.a3 f6 *(22...Nc2 23.b6+-)* 23.axb4! 1-0 Kasparov,G (2838)-Khalifman,A (2698)/ Moscow 2002;

D3b3) 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qh5!? 'also promises White chances.'

D3b31) 11...Rc8 12.d3!? Rc6 *(12...Rxc2 13.Na3 Rc6 14.Bf4↑)* 13.Nd2 g6 14.Qh4 Bg7 15.Nf3 Re6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Nxd4± 1-0 Magem Badals,J-Garcia Padron,J/Cordoba 1995/ (66);

D3b32) 11...0-0-0 12.Qxf7 Nc6 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.d3 Nb4 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Bf4 Nxc2 17.Nxc2 Rxc2 18.Be5⩲ 0-1 Rozentalis,E-Guseinov,A/Klaipeda 1988/ (33)]

[5.Qh5 One of my own inventions, but its not really dangerous for Black. Nf6!

6...♕e7?! 7.0-0 is another story. See Wedberg-Kuprejchik, Malmo 1987. 6.Qe5+ Qe7 7.Qxd4 Qxe4+ 8.Qxe4+ Nxe4 9.0-0 Bc5 The threat to f2 prevents ♖e1. Black continues 0-0, c6 and d5 with an equal game.]
[5.c3 Qg5 6.Bf1 Bc5 7.d3 *(7.b4 Bb6 8.a4 a5 9.Ra3 Qg6 10.d3 dxc3 11.b5 Nf6 12.Nxc3 0-0 13.g3 Ng4 14.d4 d5 15.exd5 Qf6 16.Be3 Nxf2 17.Bxf2 Qe7+ 18.Be2 Qxa3 19.Qd3 Qa1+ 20.Bd1 Bf5 21.Qf3 Rfe8+ 22.Ne2 Be4 23.Qb3 Bxh1 24.Kd2 Rxe2+ 25.Bxe2 Bxd4* 0-1 Kosatukhin,A-Feoktistov,A (2375)/Gatchina 2001 *)* 7...Qf6 8.Qf3 *(8.b4 Bd6 9.Qb3 Ne7 10.c4 a5 11.c5 Be5 12.g3 g5 13.b5 d6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nd2 Be6 16.Qa4 b6 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Nb3 Rc2 19.Bxd4 Bxb3* 0-1 Petzold,M-Kula,R (2385)/Ueckermuende 1997 *)* 8...Qxf3 9.gxf3 Ne7 10.b4 Bd6 11.Bb2 f6 12.Na3 dxc3 13.Bxc3 c6 14.Nc4 Bc7 15.h4 d5 16.Ne3 h5 17.Be2 Be6 18.Nc2 a5 19.bxa5 Bxa5 20.Bxa5 Rxa5 21.a3 Ng6 0-1 Meijers,V (2512)-Kilicaslan,H (2260)/Istanbul 2003 (56)]
[5.d3 c6 *(5...Bc5 6.Qh5 Qe7 7.Bg5 Nf6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Bc4 d6 10.Nd2 c6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.a3 Bb6 15.b4 Kb8 16.Rfe1 Rc8 17.a4 a6 18.g3 Ba7 19.Kg2 Bb6* 1/2 Van Riemsdijk,H (2380)-Segal,A/Sao Paulo 1983 (54) *)* 6.Bc4 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 *(10.Nd2 Bc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bf4 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qf3 a5 16.Re2 Ng6 17.Rae1 Rxe2 18.Rxe2 Rc8* 1/2 Ziatdinov,R (2365)-Malaniuk,V (2545)/Tashkent 1987 (40)*)* 10...Bd6 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nf3 Qg4 13.h3 Qd7 14.Nxd4 0-0-0 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 h5 17.g5 h4 18.Be3 a6 19.f4 Rh5 20.Kf2 g6 21.Rh1 Bc5 22.Nf3 1-0 Arkell,K (2527)-Thomas,K/ Fishguard 2003 (31)]

5...c6

[5...Ne7 6.d3 *(6.c3 Nc6 7.d3 a6 8.Ba4 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Qe2 Bf6 11.c4 d6 12.f4 Rb8 13.Nf3 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Bd1 g6 16.Bd2 Ne7 17.f5 gxf5 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nh3 Bg7 20.Qh5 fxe4 21.dxe4 Ng6 22.Bb3* 1-0 Saltaev,M (2365)-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Tashkent 1987 (33) *)* 6...g6 *(6...c6 7.Ba4 d5 8.Nd2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nf5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bb3* Gufeld-Lutikov/USSR 1978 *)*

A) 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qf3 d6 10.Bf6 Be6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Qg3 Qd7 14.a3 Rae8 15.Rae1 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 f5 17.exf5 Qxf5 18.h3 a5 19.Nd2 Qc5 20.Rc1 Ne7 21.Ne4 Qb5 22.Rb1 Nd5 0-1 Magomedov,M-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Tallinn 1988 (29);

B) 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 *(8.Bc4 d5 9.Bb3 Bg7 10.g4!? h5 11.g5 Bh3 12.Rf2 Qd7 13.Nd2 f6 14.Nf3 Qg4+ 15.Kh1 fxg5 16.Qe2 gxf4 17.Bd2 0-0-0 18.Rg1 Qd7 19.Bxf4 Rde8∓* 1-0 Hracek,Z (2475)-Knezevic,M (2445)/Stary Smokovec 1990 (32) *)* 8...d5 9.f5 gxf5 10.Qh5 Qd6 11.exf5 Bg7 12.Bf4 Be5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Rf2 Bxf5 16.Nf1 Bg6 17.Qh4 Qe5 18.Ng3 0-0 19.Re2 Nf5 20.Rxe5 Nxh4 21.Rf1 a5 22.Rf4 b5 23.Bxb5 cxb5 24.Rxh4 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxd4

Re1+ 27.Nf1 Re2 28.Rxd5 Rxc2 29.Rxb5 Bxd3 1/2 Ronin,V-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Pavlodar 1987 (38);

C) 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.f4 d6 10.Bc4 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe8 12.Rae1 43 » Moroz-Vladimirov/Barnaul 1988/1-0]

[5...h5 6.c3 *(6.d3 Bc5 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 9.h3 a5 10.a3 d5 11.e5 Ng8 12.c3 Ne7 13.cxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Kh2 Nf5 15.Qf3 h4 16.Nc3 Ng3 17.Re1 Nf5 18.Qxd5 Be6 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Ne4 0-0 21.Ng5 Rd7 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bb3 Kf7* 0-1 Karjakin,S (2562)-Najer,E (2608)/bereg.ru Int 2003 (41) *)* 6...Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 *(9.Ne2 Bb6 10.Ba4 d6 11.d4 Bg4 12.f3 Be6 13.Kh1 Ne7 14.d5 Bd7 15.Bf4 cxd5 16.Bxd6 Bxa4 17.Qxa4+ Qd7 18.Qa3 Rd8 19.e5 Nf5 20.Rfd1?! h4!⇄ 21.Bc5 Ng3+?? 22.hxg3 hxg3+ 23.Kg1 Qb5 24.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 25.Rd4 Rh4 26.Qb3 Qh6 27.Qa4+* 1-0 Golubev,M (2499)-Najer,E (2652)/playchess.com INT 2006*)* 9...Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 21.Ng1 f6 22.Rae1 fxe5 23.dxe5 1-0 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2716)/Moscow 2002 (47)]

[5...g6

A) 6.d3 Bg7

A1) 7.Nd2 Ne7 8.f4 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Nf3 *(11.Qe1 c5 12.Qh4 b5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.a4 Ne3 16.axb5 Nxf1 17.Kxf1 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Nc4 Rab8 20.Rxa7 Rxb5 21.Re7 Rbb8 22.Rxe6 Re8* 1/2 Korneev,O (2590)-Lima,D (2420)/Suances 1997 (27) *)* 11...c5 12.e5 b5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.d4 Qb6 18.Rb1± 1-0 Capablanca,J-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/ (31);

A2) 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 *(8.Bc4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Nd2??* Quite a famous mistake. *Qa5! 12.a4 a6-+* ½-½ Alekhine,A-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/HCL (45) *)* 8...d5 *(8...Ne7 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 Bf6 11.Qh5 d5 12.Bh6 Qd6 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.Rae1 0-0-0 15.a3 Ng8 16.Bf4 Qf8 17.Nf3±* 1-0 Pietzsch,W-Elstner, R/Soemmerda 1950/ (36) *)*

A2a) 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 h5 11.c4 *(11.Nd2)* 11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Nh6∞ 0-1 Martin del Campo,R-Moreno,A/ Cienfuegos 1997/ (38);

A2b) 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Bb3 Qd8 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Ne4 Bg7 15.f5!? White plays this phase of the game very energetically. Removing the f4-♙ opens up both the diagonal c1-g5 and the f-file.

A2b1) 15...Nxf5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Nf6+ Bxf6 *(17...Kh8 18.Ne8)* 18.Bxf6→;

A2b2) 15...Bxf5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Nd6 *(17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Bh4 Ng8)* 17...hxg5 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Qxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxe7±;

A2b3) 15...Nd5 16.f6?! Correct or not, White keeps the initiative. *(⌓16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Ng3; 16.Bg5!?)* 16...Nxf6 17.Bg5 Bf5! Spassky finds the best defence. 18.Ng3 Bd7 *(18...Qd7 19.Qf1 h6 20.Bh4 Rae8 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.h3⩱)* 19.Rf1 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4

A2b31) ⌓21...Be5 22.Rae1 *(22.Nc5 Qe7∓; 22.Rxf7? Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8 24.Qf3 Qe7-+)* 22...Qc7 23.Qf2 Bf5∓;

A2b32) 21...Be7? Now White gets a free throw. 22.Rxf7! Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8 *(23...Bf5 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.g4→)* 24.Qf2 Kg7 25.Bxf7 c5

A2b321) 26.Bxe8! Qxe8 27.Qf4 Bf8 *(27...b6 28.Qe5+ Kh7 29.Rf6+-)* 28.Qc7+ Qe7 29.Nxc5 Qxc7 30.Ne6+ Kg8 31.Nxc7 Rc8 32.Ne6±;

A2b322) 26.Qf4 Qb8 27.Qf3 Qd8 28.Ng3 *(28.Bxe8!±)* 28...Rb8 29.Bxe8 Qxe8 30.Re1 Qf7? *(⌓30...Qf8)* 31.Qe4?= 1/2 Jenni,F (2471)-Spassky,B (2551)/Zuerich 2001 (36) *(31.Nf5+ gxf5 32.Qg3++-)*;

B) 6.f4 Bg7 7.f5 c6 *(7...gxf5 8.Qf3 Qh4 9.Qxf5±* Matulovic,M-Barcza,G/Sochi 1966 (15)*; 7...Be5 8.Qf3 g5 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 c6 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.Qe2 g4 13.c3 Qc7⇄* 1-0 Johansson,M-Fallone,M/La Habana 1966/ (35) *)* 8.Ba4 Be5 9.Qf3 Nf6 10.d3 d6 11.Bf4 gxf5 12.Nd2↑ ½-½ Tzoumbas,A-Kofidis,A/Komotini 1993/ (46);

C) 6.c3 Bg7 7.cxd4 *(7.e5 Ne7 8.cxd4 0-0 9.b3 c6 10.Be2 Nf5 11.Bb2 Qb6 12.Na3 Nxd4 13.Nc4 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Qa6 15.d3 d5 16.exd6 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Bf5 18.Rfe1 b5 19.Ne5 c5 20.d4 Qxd6 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Rac1 Qd6* 1/2 Becerra Rivero,J (2465)-Moreno,A (2455)/San Juan y Martinez 1995 (48) *)* 7...Bxd4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.d3 c6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Bh6 Bg7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qf3 d6 14.Qg3 Be6 15.f4 *(15.Rae1 Qc7 16.Ne2 Rae8 17.Nd4 Ng8 18.Re3 Bc8 19.Bb3 Qd8 20.f4 Qb6 21.Nc2 f5 22.e5 dxe5 23.fxe5 Nh6 24.h3 Be6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6* 0-1 Horvath,J-Vladimirov,E (2490)/Tbilisi 1986 (53) *)* 15...d5 16.Bb3 dxe4 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.dxe4 Rf7 19.Kh1 Qa5 20.Qh3 e5 21.f5 Raf8 22.g4 h6 23.Rf3 Rf6 24.Qg3 1-0 Zapata,A (2485)-Lima,D (2544)/Brasilia 2001 (36)]

6.Ba4 d6N 1.08/25

[6...Nf6 7.c3

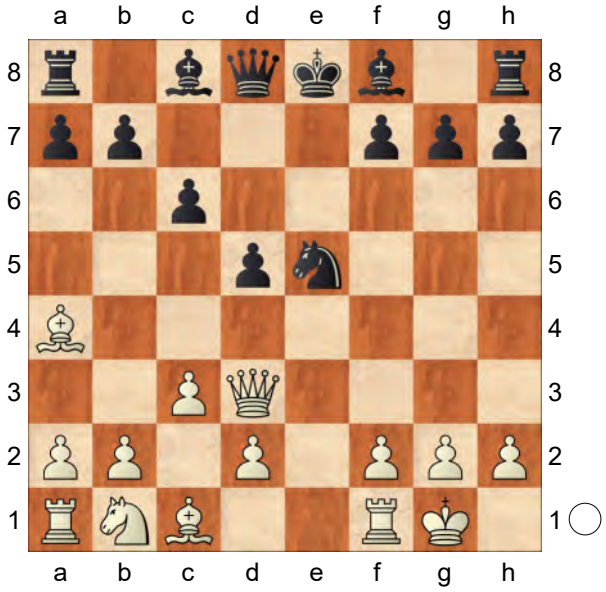
A) 7...Be7 8.d3 *(8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4±)* 8...dxc3 9.Nxc3 d6 10.d4 0-0 11.Bc2 Re8 12.f4 Bf8 13.e5± ½-½ Ivkov,B-Rossetto,H/Varna 1962/ (29);

B) 7...d3 8.Qf3 *(8.c4!?; 8.e5 Ne4 9.Qf3 Nc5 10.Bd1 d6 11.b4 Ne6 12.Qxd3 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.d3 g5 15.Re1 f6 16.Nd2 Kc7 17.Ne4* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)*

B1) 8...Qa5? 1.47/19 8...d5 -0.29 9.Bb3 0.31/23 *(9.Bd1!± 1.47/19)* 9...Qe5 1.19/22 *(9...Qh5!± 0.31/23)* 10.Qxd3± Nxe4 2.33/24 *(10...d5± 1.12/23* was worth a try. *)* 11.Qe2! Bd6 2.68/22 *(11...d5? 3.03/22* 11...Qe7 1.47 *12.d3! Bd6 13.f4+-; 11...Qe7* 1.71/24 was necessary. *)* 12.f4+- Qe7 13.Re1! Nc5 aiming for ... Nd3! 14.Bxf7+± 0.69/23 *(14.Qf2!+- 2.79/22 Ne6 15.f5)*;

B2) 8...d5! 9.e5

B2a) 9...Ng4 10.Qxd3 Qg3 would now be deadly. Nxe5 1.05/22 *(10...Nxh2!=* -0.30/24 remains equal. *11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Kxh2 Qh4+ 13.Kg1 Be7)*

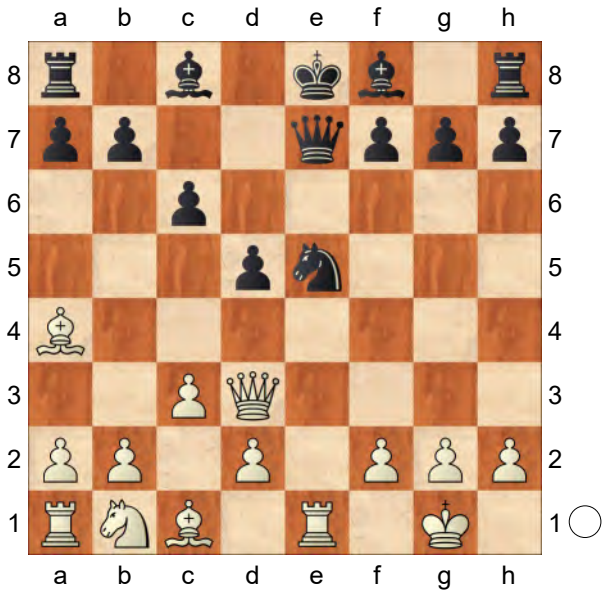


11.Re1!± Qg3! is the strong threat. Qe7 2.41/23 *(11...f6±* 1.05/22 *)*

(Diagram)

12.Qf1!+-;

B2b) 9...Ne4 10.Qxd3 Nc5



11.Qc2 d4!⩱ 12.d3 Bf5! 13.Rd1 Be7 14.Bb3 0-0 15.Qe2 Qd7 -0.13/22 *(15...dxc3∓* -0.55/21 *16.Nxc3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Be6)* 16.cxd4?! *(⌓16.Bc2∞)* 16...Nxb3 *(16...Bg4!? 17.f3□ Nxb3 18.axb3 Be6=)* 17.axb3 Qxd4 18.Ra4 Qd5 19.Rf4! Bg6 *(19...Be6∓)* 20.Nc3 Qxb3 21.h4! Black has an easy game with lots of targets to attack, so White needs to stir up some trouble. h5 *(21...h6 22.h5 Bh7∞)* 22.d4 Rad8 23.Be3 Rfe8 24.Ne4 Bf8?! A bit slow. *(24...Rd5!* 0.44/20 24...Qd5 -0.38 Δ♖b5 *)* 25.Rc1 Rd5 26.Ng3 1-0 Benjamin,J (2595)-Soltis,A (2410)/San Francisco 1998 (35)]

[Better is 6...Nf6± 0.46/22]

[6...Nf6± 0.41/21]

[6...Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nd2 *(8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4*

a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0 *)* 8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bb3 0-0 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.h3 f5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 f4 17.Re4 h6 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 19.Qg4 Rae8 20.Rxf4 Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Van der Sterren,P-Kupreichik, V 23/(257) Wijk aan Zee 1977]

7.d3 0.71/25

[⩲7.c3 1.08/25]

7...Nf6 8.c3 dxc3 White is slightly better. **9.Nxc3 Be7 10.d4 0-0 11.h3 b5** 0.95/24

[11...d5± 0.59/23]

12.Bc2± a6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Ng3 Bf8 16.Qd2 c5 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Rac1 White is better. **19...Rad8** 1.19/22

[Black should try 19...g6 0.72/20]

20.Bb1 Qb8 21.d5 Nb6 22.b3 1-0 Spraggett,K (2580)-Larino Nieto,D (2428)/Calvia 2007 (58). Wards off Nc4. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise) .

Mistake:	White=1	Black=2
Inaccurate:	White=1	Black=1
OK:	White=5	Black=4
Best:	White=1	---

C61

□ **Ruy Lopez Bird**

■ **3.♗b5 ♘d4_31776**

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[Wedberg,Ftacnik,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4

'Black avoids the fashionable variations of Ruy Lopez defence with this move.'

4.Nxd4

[4.Bc4 Bc5 *(4...Nf6 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 c6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.d4 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxe5 dxe5* = Godes-Mih. Cejtin/cr 1988 *)* 5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.a4 a6 10.Be3 Nxe4 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd5 Nf6 13.dxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Rb8 16.Nd2 b5 17.Qd4 bxa4 18.Ne4 Kh8 ∓ Romanischin-Malaniuk/Tiblisi 1986/ - 23]

[4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 *(5.b4 Bxb4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bxd4 d5 10.a3 Ba5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.Bb3 Qc6 14.f4* Kosten-Flear/Gausdal 1987*; 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.d3 Qxf3 8.gxf3 Ne7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Bb6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 d6 13.Bb3 Kh8 14.a4 f5 15.Bg5* Now would 15...♘g6! have given Black an OK game. Mokry-Agdestein/Gausdal 1987 *)* 5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qh4!? 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 d6 9.h3 h5 10.Kh1 Nf6 11.Bb3 a5 12.a4 Rf8 13.Qg3 Qxg3 14.fxg3 Nh7 15.Bd2 Ke7 16.Rae1 Be6 17.Bxe6 Kxe6 ∓ Tsoumis-Wedberg/ Athens 1980]

4...exd4 5.0-0

[5.Bc4 Preventing 5...♗c5 by means of 6.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 7.♕h5+ and 8.♕xc5.

A) 5...Nf6

A1) 6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 *(10...c5 11.d3 Qe7 12.Qf4 b6 13.Qf3 d5 14.Qxd5 Bb7 15.Qg5 Re8 16.Na3 Qxg5 17.Bxg5 h6 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bg3 h5* 1/2 Becerra Rivero,J (2545)-Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2555)/

Las Tunas 1996 (42) *)* 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 14.c3 dxc3 15.d4 Bb6 16.bxc3 d6 17.h4 Be6 18.Re1 Rae8 19.Bd2 Qf5 20.Qe3 Qh5 21.a4 1/2 Sokolov,A (2645)-Tukmakov, V (2575)/Leningrad 1987 (30)

A2) 6.Qe2 Bc5! 7.e5 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.0-0 Ra6 15.Rae1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4 18.Re2 Re7 19.Qf3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Re6 22.Qf3 c6* 0-1 Semeniuk,A-Malaniuk,V (2575)/Sverdlovsk 1987 (34) *)* 7...0-0! 8.0-0 d5! 9.exf6 *(9.Bb3 d3! 10.Qxd3 Ng4!∓)* 9...dxc4 10.Qh5 *(10.Qxc4 Bd6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 Qh4 13.g3 Qh5* oder 13...♕h3 *)* 10...b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2! 16.Nd2 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 Bxd3 18.Rfe1 Be2 19.Bxc7 d3! **Δ** ♗b4 20.a3 a5 21.Bf4 Re4 22.Bd2 Rae8 23.Bc3 a4! 24.Ng5 Rc4 25.Rad1 Rc8 0-1 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635)/Linares 1989 (44)

B) 5...d6 6.0-0 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Qh5+ Kd7 9.c3 dxc3 10.Nxc3 c6 11.d4 Nf6 12.Qh3 Qa5 13.b4 Qh5 14.Qd3 Be7 15.b5 Rhc8 16.bxc6+ bxc6 17.Rb1 Ke8 18.Rb7 c5 19.d5 c4 20.Qb1 Kf8 21.dxe6 Qe5 22.Nd5 Re8 23.Nxe7 Nxe4 24.Re1 1-0 Ponomariov,R (2723)-Khamrakulov,I (2527)/Zafra 2007

C) 5...h5 6.c3 *(6.d3 Bc5 7.Nd2 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.Bb3 Nf6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Bg5 dxe4 13.dxe4 0-0-0 14.h3 Rde8 15.Rfe1 Qxe4 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxf7 d3 18.Be3 Ref8 19.hxg4 Rxf7 20.Ne5 Rf6 21.Nxd3 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Nd6* 0-1 Belov,V (2543)-Najer,E (2606)/playchess.com INT 2004 (63) *)* 6...Bc5 7.d3 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Nd2 *(11.Qe1 Nf6 12.cxd4 Bd6 13.Bg5 Be6 14.h3 Qb6 15.Nc3 Qxd4 16.Qe3 Qe5 17.Qxe5 Bxe5 18.Rfe1 Bd4 19.Ba4 Rd8 20.Ne2 Bb6 21.Nf4* 1-0 Saltaev,M (2495)-Najer,E (2455)/Moscow 1995 (37)*)* 11...Bg4 12.Nf3 Qf6 13.Bd2 Ne7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxf3 16.gxf3 Ng6 17.f4 Nh4 18.Rfd1 Rh6 19.c4 Rg6+ 20.Kf1 a6 0-1 Vysochin,S (2584)-Najer,E (2608)/bereg.ru Int 2003 (67)

D) 5...c6!? The sequence 5...♘f6 6.0-0 ♘xe4 7.♗xf7+ has been played a lot recently, but the results favors White. 6.0-0

D1) 6...Nf6 7.Re1 *(7.Qe2 d6 8.c3 Be7 9.cxd4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 d5 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.d3 Bf6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Nc3 g6 16.Rac1 Kd7 17.Nb5 Rhc8 18.Bf4 Bd8 19.Nc3 Bf6 20.Be3 Rc6* 1/2 Khalifman,A (2515)-Malaniuk, V (2545)/Sverdlovsk 1987 (41)*)* 7...d6 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 c5 11.h3 Rb8 12.c3 dxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Bb3 Liberzon-Henley/Lone Pine 1980;

D2) 6...g6 7.c3 Bg7 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.d3 Nf6 10.cxd4 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.Nc3 Be6 14.a3 h6 15.Bf4 Kg8 16.Rfe1

Kh7 17.Be5 Rhd8 18.h3 Rac8 19.Ba4 Ng8 20.Bb3
1-0 Ljubojevic,L (2645)-Spassky, B (2605)/London 1982 (36)
D3) 6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7
D3a) 9.Qe2+ Ne7 *(9...Be7 10.b3 Nh6 11.Bb2 Nf5 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Qxd5 Bf6 15.Na3 g6 16.Qf3 Bc6 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Qf4 Qd7 19.Nc4 Qd5 20.f3 Rae8 21.Ne3 Qc5 22.Qxf5 Be5 23.Ng4 Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2* 1-0 Anand,V (2670)-Beliavsky,A (2620)/Brussels 1992 *)* 10.b3 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qd3 Qf5 *(12...Nc6 13.Bb2 Be7 14.Bxd4 Nb4 15.Qg3 Nxc2 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Nc3 Nxa1 18.Rxa1* ⩲ according to Cabrilo, but White must be better I think.*; 12...0-0-0?! 13.Bb2 Nc6 14.Bxd4 h5 15.Nc3* » Oll-Guseinov/Klaipeda 1988/ 1-0 23 *)* 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qe3+ Be7 15.Bb2 0-0 16.d3 Bf6 ⩲ Cabrilo;
D3b) 9.Re1+ Ne7
D3b1) 10.a4 a6 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0 13.b4 Nf5 14.b5 a5 15.Bd2 *(15.Bf4 f6 16.b6 Bc5 17.Bc7±* 1-0 Zagorovsky,V-Dubinin,P/Leningrad 1949/ (35) *)* 15...b6 16.c3 Bc5 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Be3 Rhe8 19.Nd2 Kb7 1/2 Kasparov,G (2838)-Khalifman,A (2698)/Moscow 2002 (73);
D3b2) 10.c4!? Excellent move! a6 New, but it doesn´t solve Black´s problems. *(10...Rc8 11.d3 Bxb5 12.cxb5 Qd7 13.Na3 f6 14.Nc2 Qxb5 15.Nxd4± ½-½* Luther,T-Klip,H/ Pardubice 1999/ (31)*; 10...dxc3 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.dxc3±; 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4±; 10...Bxb5 11.cxb5 Qd7 12.d3 Qxb5 13.Na3 Qd7 14.Nc2±)* 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0?! White has a ♙-majority on a-b-c and Black has weakened himself with a6. This makes 0-0-0 very risky for Black, but there were no easy alternatives since 0-0 was almost impossible to achieve. *(12...g6 13.Bg5±; 12...f6!?* planning ♔f7, but it doesn´t look quite reliable.*; 12...h6 13.Nd2 g6 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Nc4 Rd8 16.Bf4±)* 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.b4! White has an easy game. The attack rolls almost by itself. dxc4 15.dxc4 Keeping control over d5 and securing a successful ♙-break on the ♕-side. *(15.Nxc4 Nd5±)* 15...Nc6 16.b5 axb5 17.cxb5 Nb4 18.Nc4 Qf5 *(18...Qxb5 19.Bf4+ Ka7 20.Ne5 Qd5 21.Qa4+ Na6 22.Rab1→)* 19.Re5 Qc2 20.Bf4!+- White´s attack is not impaired by an exchange of ♕:s. Qxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Ka8 22.a3 f6 *(22...Nc2*

23.b6+-) 23.axb4!
1-0 Kasparov,G (2838)-Khalifman,A (2698)/Moscow 2002;
D3b3) 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qh5!? 'also promises White chances.'
D3b31) 11...Rc8 12.d3!? Rc6 *(12...Rxc2 13.Na3 Rc6 14.Bf4↑)* 13.Nd2 g6 14.Qh4 Bg7 15.Nf3 Re6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Nxd4± 1-0 Magem Badals,J-Garcia Padron,J/Cordoba 1995/ (66);
D3b32) 11...0-0-0 12.Qxf7 Nc6 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.d3 Nb4 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Bf4 Nxc2 17.Nxc2 Rxc2 18.Be5± 0-1 Rozentalis,E-Guseinov,A/Klaipeda 1988/ (33)]
[5.Qh5 One of my own inventions, but its not really dangerous for Black. Nf6! 6...♕e7?! 7.0-0 is another story. See Wedberg-Kuprejchik, Malmo 1987. 6.Qe5+ Qe7 7.Qxd4 Qxe4+ 8.Qxe4+ Nxe4 9.0-0 Bc5 The threat to f2 prevents ♖e1. Black continues 0-0, c6 and d5 with an equal game.]
[5.c3 Qg5 6.Bf1 Bc5 7.d3 *(7.b4 Bb6 8.a4 a5 9.Ra3 Qg6 10.d3 dxc3 11.b5 Nf6 12.Nxc3 0-0 13.g3 Ng4 14.d4 d5 15.exd5 Qf6 16.Be3 Nxf2 17.Bxf2 Qe7+ 18.Be2 Qxa3 19.Qd3 Qa1+ 20.Bd1 Bf5 21.Qf3 Rfe8+ 22.Ne2 Be4 23.Qb3 Bxh1 24.Kd2 Rxe2+ 25.Bxe2 Bxd4* 0-1 Kosatukhin,A-Feoktistov,A (2375)/Gatchina 2001 *)* 7...Qf6 8.Qf3 *(8.b4 Bd6 9.Qb3 Ne7 10.c4 a5 11.c5 Be5 12.g3 g5 13.b5 d6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nd2 Be6 16.Qa4 b6 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Nb3 Rc2 19.Bxd4 Bxb3* 0-1 Petzold,M-Kula,R (2385)/Ueckermuende 1997 *)* 8...Qxf3 9.gxf3 Ne7 10.b4 Bd6 11.Bb2 f6 12.Na3 dxc3 13.Bxc3 c6 14.Nc4 Bc7 15.h4 d5 16.Ne3 h5 17.Be2 Be6 18.Nc2 a5 19.bxa5 Bxa5 20.Bxa5 Rxa5 21.a3 Ng6 0-1 Meijers,V (2512)-Kilicaslan,H (2260)/Istanbul 2003 (56)]
[5.d3 c6 *(5...Bc5 6.Qh5 Qe7 7.Bg5 Nf6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Bc4 d6 10.Nd2 c6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.a3 Bb6 15.b4 Kb8 16.Rfe1 Rc8 17.a4 a6 18.g3 Ba7 19.Kg2 Bb6* 1/2 Van Riemsdijk,H (2380)-Segal,A/Sao Paulo 1983 (54) *)* 6.Bc4 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 *(10.Nd2 Bc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bf4 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qf3 a5 16.Re2 Ng6 17.Rae1 Rxe2 18.Rxe2 Rc8* 1/2 Ziatdinov,R (2365)-Malaniuk,V (2545)/Tashkent 1987 (40)*)* 10...Bd6 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nf3 Qg4 13.h3 Qd7 14.Nxd4 0-0-0 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 h5 17.g5 h4 18.Be3 a6 19.f4 Rh5 20.Kf2 g6 21.Rh1 Bc5 22.Nf3 1-0 Arkell,K (2527)-Thomas,K/ Fishguard 2003 (31)]

5...c6

[5...Ne7 6.d3 *(6.c3 Nc6 7.d3 a6 8.Ba4 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Qe2 Bf6 11.c4 d6 12.f4 Rb8 13.Nf3 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Bd1 g6 16.Bd2 Ne7 17.f5 gxf5 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nh3 Bg7 20.Qh5 fxe4 21.dxe4 Ng6 22.Bb3* 1-0 Saltaev,M (2365)-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Tashkent 1987 (33) *)* 6...g6 *(6...c6 7.Ba4 d5 8.Nd2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nf5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bb3*

Gufeld-Lutikov/USSR 1978 *)*
A) 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qf3 d6 10.Bf6 Be6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Qg3 Qd7 14.a3 Rae8 15.Rae1 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 f5 17.exf5 Qxf5 18.h3 a5 19.Nd2 Qc5 20.Rc1 Ne7 21.Ne4 Qb5 22.Rb1 Nd5 0-1 Magomedov,M-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Tallinn 1988 (29);
B) 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 *(8.Bc4 d5 9.Bb3 Bg7 10.g4!? h5 11.g5 Bh3 12.Rf2 Qd7 13.Nd2 f6 14.Nf3 Qg4+ 15.Kh1 fxg5 16.Qe2 gxf4 17.Bd2 0-0-0 18.Rg1 Qd7 19.Bxf4 Rde8∓* 1-0 Hracek,Z (2475)-Knezevic,M (2445)/Stary Smokovec 1990 (32) *)* 8...d5 9.f5 gxf5 10.Qh5 Qd6 11.exf5 Bg7 12.Bf4 Be5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Rf2 Bxf5 16.Nf1 Bg6 17.Qh4 Qe5 18.Ng3 0-0 19.Re2 Nf5 20.Rxe5 Nxh4 21.Rf1 a5 22.Rf4 b5 23.Bxb5 cxb5 24.Rxh4 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxd4 Re1+ 27.Nf1 Re2 28.Rxd5 Rxc2 29.Rxb5 Bxd3 1/2 Ronin,V-Vladimirov,E (2525)/Pavlodar 1987 (38);
C) 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.f4 d6 10.Bc4 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe8 12.Rae1 » Moroz-Vladimirov/Barnaul 1988/ 1-0 43]
[5...h5 6.c3 *(6.d3 Bc5 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 9.h3 a5 10.a3 d5 11.e5 Ng8 12.c3 Ne7 13.cxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Kh2 Nf5 15.Qf3 h4 16.Nc3 Ng3 17.Re1 Nf5 18.Qxd5 Be6 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Ne4 0-0 21.Ng5 Rd7 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bb3 Kf7* 0-1 Karjakin,S (2562)-Najer,E (2608)/ bereg.ru Int 2003 (41) *)* 6...Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 *(9.Ne2 Bb6 10.Ba4 d6 11.d4 Bg4 12.f3 Be6 13.Kh1 Ne7 14.d5 Bd7 15.Bf4 cxd5 16.Bxd6 Bxa4 17.Qxa4+ Qd7 18.Qa3 Rd8 19.e5 Nf5 20.Rfd1?! h4!⇄ 21.Bc5 Ng3+?? 22.hxg3 hxg3+ 23.Kg1 Qb5 24.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 25.Rd4 Rh4 26.Qb3 Qh6 27.Qa4+* 1-0 Golubev,M (2499)-Najer,E (2652)/playchess.com INT 2006*)* 9...Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 21.Ng1 f6 22.Rae1 fxe5 23.dxe5 1-0 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2716)/Moscow 2002 (47)]
[5...g6
A) 6.d3 Bg7
A1) 7.Nd2 Ne7 8.f4 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Nf3 *(11.Qe1 c5 12.Qh4 b5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.a4 Ne3 16.axb5 Nxf1 17.Kxf1 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Nc4 Rab8 20.Rxa7 Rxb5 21.Re7 Rbb8 22.Rxe6 Re8* 1/2 Korneev,O (2590)-Lima,D (2420)/Suances 1997 (27) *)* 11...c5 12.e5 b5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.d4 Qb6 18.Rb1± 1-0 Capablanca,J-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/ (31);
A2) 7.f4 c6 8.Ba4 *(8.Bc4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Nd2??* Quite a famous mistake. *Qa5! 12.a4 a6-+* ½-½ Alekhine,A-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/HCL (45) *)* 8...d5 *(8...Ne7 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 Bf6 11.Qh5 d5 12.Bh6 Qd6 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.Rae1*

0-0-0 15.a3 Ng8 16.Bf4 Qf8 17.Nf3± 1-0 Pietzsch,W-Elstner, R/Soemmerda 1950/ (36) *)*

A2a) 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 h5 11.c4 *(11.Nd2)* 11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Nh6∞ 0-1 Martin del Campo,R-Moreno,A/ Cienfuegos 1997/ (38);

A2b) 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Bb3 Qd8 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Ne4 Bg7 15.f5!? White plays this phase of the game very energetically. Removing the f4-♙ opens up both the diagonal c1-g5 and the f-file.

A2b1) 15...Nxf5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Nf6+ Bxf6 *(17...Kh8 18.Ne8)* 18.Bxf6→;

A2b2) 15...Bxf5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Nd6 *(17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Bh4 Ng8)* 17...hxg5 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Qxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxe7±;

A2b3) 15...Nd5 16.f6?! Correct or not, White keeps the initiative. *(⌓16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Ng3; 16.Bg5!?)* 16...Nxf6 17.Bg5 Bf5! Spassky finds the best defence. 18.Ng3 Bd7 *(18...Qd7 19.Qf1 h6 20.Bh4 Rae8 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.h3⩱)* 19.Rf1 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4

A2b31) ⌓21...Be5 22.Rae1 *(22.Nc5 Qe7∓; 22.Rxf7? Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8 24.Qf3 Qe7-+)* 22...Qc7 23.Qf2 Bf5∓;

A2b32) 21...Be7? Now White gets a free throw. 22.Rxf7! Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8 *(23...Bf5 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.g4→)* 24.Qf2 Kg7 25.Bxf7 c5

A2b321) 26.Bxe8! Qxe8 27.Qf4 Bf8 *(27...b6 28.Qe5+ Kh7 29.Rf6+-)* 28.Qc7+ Qe7 29.Nxc5 Qxc7 30.Ne6+ Kg8 31.Nxc7 Rc8 32.Ne6±;

A2b322) 26.Qf4 Qb8 27.Qf3 Qd8 28.Ng3 *(28.Bxe8!±)* 28...Rb8 29.Bxe8 Qxe8 30.Re1 Qf7? *(⌓30...Qf8)* 31.Qe4?= 1/2 Jenni,F (2471)-Spassky,B (2551)/Zuerich 2001 (36) *(31.Nf5+ gxf5 32.Qg3++-)*;

B) 6.f4 Bg7 7.f5 c6 *(7...gxf5 8.Qf3 Qh4 9.Qxf5±* Matulovic,M-Barcza,G/Sochi 1966 (15)*; 7...Be5 8.Qf3 g5 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 c6 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.Qe2 g4 13.c3 Qc7⇄* 1-0 Johansson,M-Fallone,M/ La Habana 1966/ (35) *)* 8.Ba4 Be5 9.Qf3 Nf6 10.d3 d6 11.Bf4 gxf5 12.Nd2↑ ½-½ Tzoumbas,A-Kofidis, A/Komotini 1993/ (46);

C) 6.c3 Bg7 7.cxd4 *(7.e5 Ne7 8.cxd4 0-0 9.b3 c6 10.Be2 Nf5 11.Bb2 Qb6 12.Na3 Nxd4 13.Nc4 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Qa6 15.d3 d5 16.exd6 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Bf5 18.Rfe1 b5 19.Ne5 c5 20.d4 Qxd6 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Rac1 Qd6* 1/2 Becerra Rivero,J (2465)-Moreno,A (2455)/San Juan y Martinez 1995 (48) *)* 7...Bxd4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.d3 c6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Bh6 Bg7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qf3 d6

14.Qg3 Be6 15.f4 *(15.Rae1 Qc7 16.Ne2 Rae8 17.Nd4 Ng8 18.Re3 Bc8 19.Bb3 Qd8 20.f4 Qb6 21.Nc2 f5 22.e5 dxe5 23.fxe5 Nh6 24.h3 Be6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6* 0-1 Horvath,J-Vladimirov,E (2490)/ Tbilisi 1986 (53) *)* 15...d5 16.Bb3 dxe4 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.dxe4 Rf7 19.Kh1 Qa5 20.Qh3 e5 21.f5 Raf8 22.g4 h6 23.Rf3 Rf6 24.Qg3 1-0 Zapata,A (2485)-Lima, D (2544)/Brasilia 2001 (36)]

6.Ba4 0.34/22

[6.Bc4!± 0.80/24]

6...d6N 0.96/23

[6...Nf6 7.c3 -0.22/24 *(⌓7.d3* 0.30/23 *)*

A) 7...Be7 0.59/24 7...d3 -0.27

A1) 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4± -0.31/21 *(9.cxd4=* 0.28/21 *Qb6 10.Nc3)*;

A2) 8.d3 dxc3 9.Nxc3 d6 10.d4 0-0 11.Bc2 Re8 12.f4 Bf8 13.e5± ½-½ Ivkov,B-Rossetto,H/Varna 1962/ (29);

B) 7...d3=

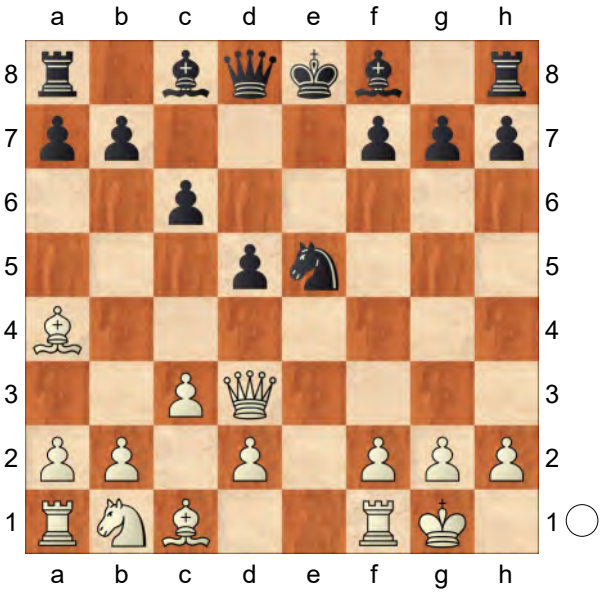
B1) 8.e5 -0.44/24 8.c4 -0.06 Ne4 *(8...Nd5!?)* 9.Qf3 Nc5 10.Bd1! d6 11.b4 Ne6 12.Qxd3 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8= 1-0 Balashov,Y-Guseinov,A/ Klaipeda 1988/ (32) 14.d3 g5 15.Re1 f6 16.Nd2 Kc7 17.Ne4 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006;

B2) 8.Qf3

B2a) 8...Qa5? 1.39/25 8...d5 -0.25 9.Bb3 0.37/23 *(9.Bd1!±* 1.39/25 *)* 9...Qe5 1.25/22 *(*Better is *9...Qh5!±* 0.37/23 *)* 10.Qxd3± Nxe4 2.12/26 *(10...d5±* 1.25/24 *)* 11.Qe2! d3 is the strong threat. Bd6 2.80/23 *(11...d5* 3.01/23 11...Qe7 1.61 *12.d3! Bd6 13.f4+-; 11...Qe7* 1.77/24 is a better defense. *)* 12.f4+- Qe7 13.Re1! Nc5 aiming for ...Nd3! 14.Bxf7+± 0.78/23 *(14.Qf2!+-* 2.84/24 is the precise move to win. *Ne6 15.f5)*;

B2b) 8...d5! 9.e5

B2b1) 9...Ng4 10.Qxd3 Strongly threatening Qg3. Nxe5 0.91/23 *(10...Nxh2!=* -0.19/22 remains equal. *11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Kxh2 Qh4+ 13.Kg1 Be7)*

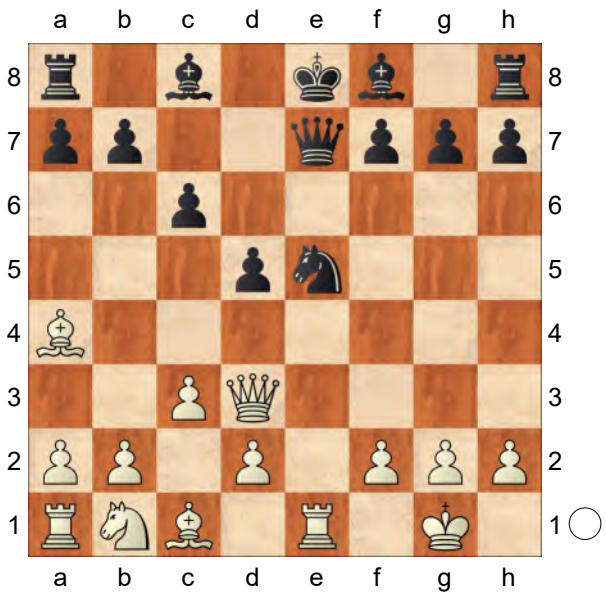


11.Re1!± Hoping for Qg3! Qe7? 2.52/25 *(11...f6±* 0.87/24 *)*

(Diagram)

12.Qf1!+-;

B2b2) 9...Ne4 10.Qxd3 Nc5 11.Qc2! d4!⩱ 12.d3 Bf5 13.Rd1 Be7 14.Bb3 0-0 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.cxd4?! *(⌓16.Bc2∞)* 16...Nxb3 17.axb3 Qxd4 18.Ra4 Qd5



19.Rf4! Bg6 *(19...Be6∓)* 20.Nc3 Qxb3 21.h4! Black has an easy game with lots of targets to attack, so White needs to stir up some trouble. h5 *(21...h6 22.h5 Bh7∞)* 22.d4 Rad8 23.Be3 Rfe8 24.Ne4 -0.40/22 *(24.g4=* 0.00/24 is superior. *)* 24...Bf8?! 0.00/19 A bit slow. *(24...Rd5!* 0.40/22 24...Qd5 -0.33 Δ♖b5*; 24...Qd5∓* -0.40/22 *25.Nc3 Qe6)* 25.Rc1= Rd5 26.Ng3 -0.38/21 1-0 Benjamin,J (2595)-Soltis,A (2410)/San Francisco 1998 (35) *(26.g4=* 0.11/20 *)]*

[6...Nf6± 0.34/22]

[6...Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nd2 *(8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8* Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0 *)* 8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bb3 0-0 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.h3 f5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 f4 17.Re4 h6 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 19.Qg4 Rae8 20.Rxf4 Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Van der Sterren,P-Kupreichik, V 23/(257) Wijk aan Zee 1977]

7.d3 Nf6 8.c3 dxc3 White is better.

9.Nxc3 Be7 10.d4 0-0 11.h3 b5 12.Bc2 a6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Ne2 0.74/23

[⌓14.e5 1.19/22 Nd7 15.Qg4]

14...Re8 15.Ng3 Bf8 16.Qd2 c5 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Rac1 Rad8 1.22/21

[⌓19...g6 0.82/15]

20.Bb1 0.84/18

[White should play 20.Nf5 1.22/21]

20...Qb8 1.21/22

[⌓20...g6 0.84/18]

21.d5 Nb6 22.b3 1-0 Spraggett,K (2580)-Larino Nieto,D (2428)/Calvia 2007 (58). Dodges Nc4.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise) .

Mistake:	White=2	
Black=2		
Inaccurate:	White=1	
Black=2		
OK:	White=5	
Black=4		

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C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' Rodriguez Cespedes, Amador: 'Rodriguez,Am: 'Inf 67/(410)"

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4

4.Nxd4 Can this really be the best move? I am unsure whether it's better than 4 0-0 or 4 c3!?, but Akopian likes to play these positions and in the last round, with everything at stake, sticks to the type of game he knows inside out.

4...exd4 5.Bc4

[5.0-0]

5...Qh4N 0.97/23

[5...Nf6

A) 6.Qe2 Bc5 7.e5 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.0-0 Ra6 15.Rae1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4 18.Re2 Re7 19.Qf3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Re6* 7.___-Meier,E (2575) Teplice 1982 0-1 *)* 7...0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5 b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Linares 47/(399) 1989;

B) 6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ *(7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6 11.b3 g6 12.Ba3 Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5 17.f5 gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5 Ra6 20.Nc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qc7* 4.a3Ba6/ 10. Be2 (2622)-Luba,L (2398) 72/(461) Bratislava 1998 (4.1) 1-0 *)* 7...Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 14.b3 Bb6 15.Bb2 c5 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.Rfe1 d5 18.Qe7+ Qf7 19.b4 Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ Kf8 Open Spanish Main line 12.Nb3 (2345)-6.♘1e2 ♘f6 7. ♘f4 e5 (2420) Centrocoop Sept op 1999 1-0]

[5...Nf6± 0.44/23]

[5...h5 6.d3 Bc5 7.Nd2 c6 8.Nf3 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb3 Qe7+ 11.Qe2 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 Ne7 13.Ba4+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.b4 Bxb4 16.Rb1 a5 Rodriguez Cespedes,A (2485)-Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2515) 67/ (410) Cienfuegos 1996]

6.d3± Nf6 7.0-0 0.78/22

[7.h3!

A) 7...d6 8.g3 0.63/23 *(8.0-0! Nd7 9.Nd2; 8.0-0!±* 1.44/22 *)* 8...Qh5± 9.Qxh5 Nxh5 10.Nd2;

B) 7...d5 8.g3! Bg4 9.Qxg4 *(9.gxh4* 0.84/22 9.Qxg4 1.30 *Bxd1 10.Bxd5 Bxc2 11.Bxb7 Rb8! 12.Ba6)* 9...Qxg4 10.hxg4 dxc4 11.g5 Nd7 12.dxc4]

[⌓7.h3 1.15/23]

7...d5 8.Bxd5 White is better.

[8.exd5 0.51/22 8.Bxd5 0.99 Bd6 9.Qe1+ *(9.Qe2+* 0.02/24 9.Qe1+ 0. 57 *Kd8 10.g3! Qh3 11.Nd2 Ng4! 12.f3 Ne3 13.Rf2 Nxc2 14.Rb1! Re8 15.Ne4 Ne3! 16.Qd2)* 9...Kd8 10.f4 Qxe1 11.Rxe1]

8...Nxd5

[8...Bd6

A) 9.g3 0.04/22 9.e5 0.93 Qh3 10.Qe2 Nxd5! 11.exd5+ Kd8 12.f3 Re8 13.Qf2 Qh5 14.c3 Qxd5 0.01/21 *(14...Qg6∓* -0.35/21 might be stronger. *)* 15.cxd4= Qf5 16.Nc3;

B) 9.e5! Bxe5 *(9...Nxd5 10.exd6)* 10.g3 Qh3 ...Ng4! would now be deadly. 11.Bg2 Qf5 12.Nd2 0-0 0-1 Mohammed, H-Grzegorczyk, R/Grand Rapids 1989 I think stronger players stick to 4... dxc6 because it's inherently more solid and Black has the clear plan of stabilizing the centre and eventually using his two Bishops to mobilise the queenside pawns.

The simple 13.Nf3 might have been superior.]

9.exd5 Bd6 10.g3

[10.Re1+

A) 10...Kf8

A1) 11.h3 -0.34/21 11.g3 1.16 Bxh3!

A1a) 12.gxh3? -2.46/22 12.Re4 -0.38 Qxh3 13.f4 Qg3+? 0.00/27 *(13...g5!-+* -3.00/24 (-> ...Rg8) *14.Re2 gxf4)*;

A1b) 12.Re4 Bg4! 13.Rxg4!? Qh5 *(13...Qh2+ 14.Kf1 f5! 15.Qf3* This is how Black lifts the bind. *Qh1+ 16.Ke2 Re8+! 17.Be3! dxe3 18.Qxf5+ Kg8)*;

A2) 11.g3 Qh3 *(11...Qg4 12.Qxg4!? Bxg4 13.Nd2)*;

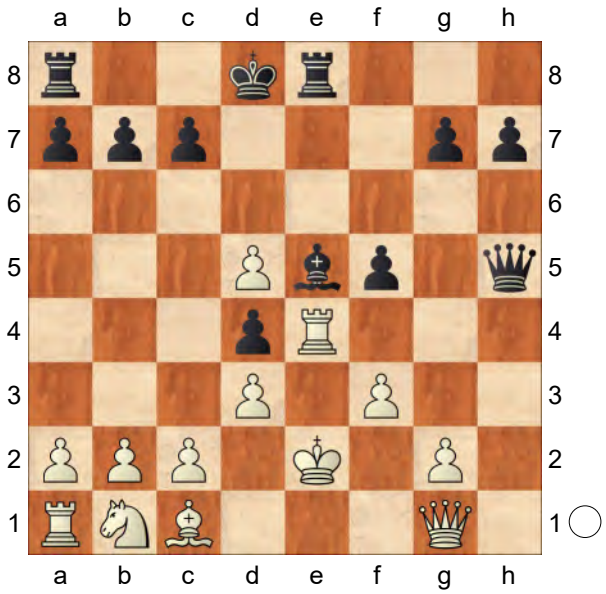
B) 10...Kd8 11.h3! Bxh3 12.Re4 Bg4 13.Rxg4?? Qh2+ 1-0 Riemersma, L-Ree, H/ Eindhoven 1993 Black should simply centralize his Knight. 14.Kf1! Qh1+ *(14...f5?* 4.25/25 14...Qh1+ 1.06 *15.Bg5+= Kd7* is a sharper, muddier choice, which can work very well:. Strongly threatening ... Qh1+. *16.Rh4)* 15.Ke2 Re8+ 16.Re4= Qh5+ 17.f3 Be5 18.Qg1 f5

(Diagram)

19.Rxe5! Rxe5+ 20.Kd1 Rxd5 introduces a different twist to the game, but Black is not troubled when White plays so quietly: 21.c4 Rd7 2.17/21 *(⌓21...dxc3* 1.78/22 *22.Nxc3 Rd7)* 22.Kc2]

[10.Re1+ feels hotter. Kd8 11.h3 Bxh3 12.Re4]

10...Qh3 1.55/21



[10...Qg4 11.Re1+ Kd8∓ 12.Qxg4 is a perfectly reasonable move as well, but one which led to catastrophe for Hans Ree: Bxg4 13.Re4 0.63/22 *(13.Nd2±* 1.13/21 *)* 13...Bf3 1.24/24 *(13...Re8!±* 0.63/22 *)* 14.Rxd4± aiming for Bf4. Be5 15.Rh4 Bf6 16.Rb4 Hoping for Nc3. Bxd5 17.Nc3 Bc6]

[Better is 10...Qg4 1.08/25]

11.Re1+! A typical idea, because without the pawn break f2-f4, White has no hope of advantage. **11...Kf8 12.Re4** Prevents Bg4. **12...h5N 13.Bf4**

[13.Rxd4? h4 14.Qf1 hxg3 15.Qxh3 gxf2+ *(15...gxh2+ 16.Qxh2 Bxh2+ 17.Kg2=)* 16.Kxf2 Rxh3-+ *(16...Bxh3? 17.Nc3-+)*]

13...h4

[13...Bxf4 14.Rxf4 Bg4∓ 15.Qf1 Qxf1+ 16.Kxf1]

14.Qf3 0.29/25

[14.g4 And now Bxd6+ would win. f5 15.Bxd6+ cxd6 16.Rxd4 fxg4

(Diagram)

White may be a shade better, but that

is all 17.Nd2! Black must now prevent Rf4+. Bf5 18.Qf1]
[14.Bxd6+ cxd6 15.g4]
[14.Rxd4 leads to mate. hxg3 15.Bxd6+ cxd6 16.Rf4 g2 *(16...Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 g2+* Discovered Attack *18.Ke2 Qxf4 19.f3 Bg4 20.Nd2 Re8+ 21.Kf2 g1R 22.Qxg1 Rh2+* Skewer *23.Kf1 Bh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxd2* Pin *25.Kg1 Qxg2#; 16...Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 g2+* Discovered Attack *18.Ke2 Qxf4 19.f3 Bg4 20.Nd2 Re8+ 21.Kf2 g1R 22.Qxg1 Rh2+* Skewer *23.Kf1 Bh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxd2* Pin *25.Kg1 Qxg2#)*]
[White should try 14.Bxd6++- 1.79/24 cxd6 15.g4 *(15.Rxd4 hxg3 16.Rf4 g2)*]

14...Bxf4= The first priority is to safeguard the King and then, as stated, to gradually bring the two Bishop into play. White must try to disrupt this plan as soon as possible. Thus: **15.Rxf4!** Really, the only move to keep equality.
15...hxg3 16.Qxg3 White wants to play Nd2.
[16.Rxf7+? -3.86/23 16.Qxg3 0.07 Ke8 *(16...Kg8??* 3.27/23 16...Ke8 -3.50 *17.Rf8+ Kh7 18.Qe4+)* 17.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 18.fxg3 Kxf7]
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Rh6! Natural enough, but oh, so wrong! The pressure of an early morning game with everything at stake gets to Kozubov. Black had two superior alternatives:. Threatens to win with ...Rg6. **18.Kh1!** Easy to miss! The position is equal.
[18.Rxd4? is the wrong capture. Rg6 19.Re1 Bh3-+ *(19...Rxg3+? 20.fxg3 Bg4 21.Rde4-+)*]
18...Qxd5+ 19.f3! The super follow-up!
[19.Nf3 c5 20.Rg1 Rh7!]
19...Rh3 20.Qf2 As we might expect, Akopian plays the attack very well. he takes the flight square b7 away with this excellent move.
[20.Qg6 looks sharper. Be6 21.Rg1 Qe5 22.Qe4]
20...c5 21.Rg1 Against Qg5 **21...Qe5**
22.Rh4 Rxh3 is the strong threat.
22...Qe3 23.Qxe3 That's why he keeps on using 4 Bxc6!, but objectively, Black is fine. **23...dxe3** is answered by
24.Rxh3 Bxh3 Endgame. KRB-KRN
25.Nc4 Re8 26.Re1 e2 27.Kg1 Re6!
[Much weaker is 27...b5?! 28.Nd6 Re6 29.Nxb5±]
28.Kf2 and the naked King won't survive long. Nothing else will do: **28...Bf1**
29.Ne3 Rh6 30.Kg1 Rg6+
[30...Ra6 31.a3]
[30...Rb6 31.b3]
31.Kf2 Rh6 32.Kg1 Rg6+ 33.Kf2 Rh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless) .
Mistake: White=2
Black=1
OK: White=14
Black=13
Best: White=3
Black=2

Strong: White=1
Black=2 . Loss on time!?
1-0

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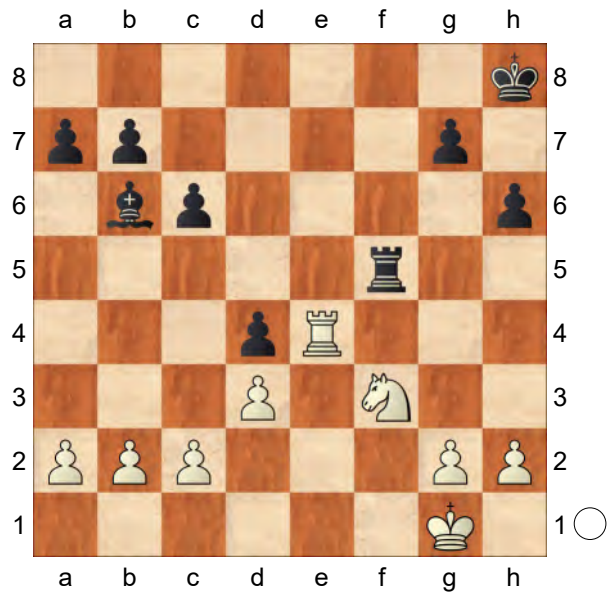
[Marin,M, MH]

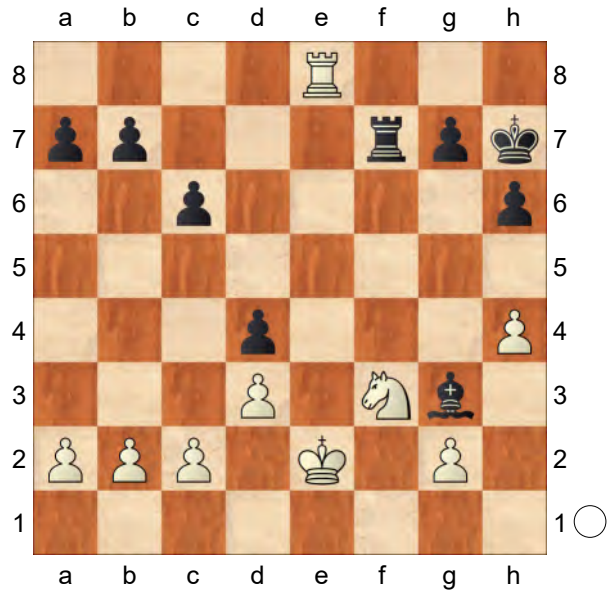
1.e4 Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin, Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin, Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail Marin, Mihail: 'Marin,M' **1...Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.d3 Ne7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qh5 Be6 10.Qh4 Re8 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.f4 Qd7 13.Rf3 Ng6 14.Qh5 Qf7!N**
Marin,Mihail: 'The presence of the queens on the same diagonal creates some tactical possibilites. Besides, in some lines the f4-pawn will be hanging.'
The presence of the queens on the same diagonal creates some tactical possibilites. Besides, in some lines the f4-pawn will be hanging.
15.Rg3
[15.Nd2 d5 16.Raf1 Ne5! 17.Qxf7+ Nxf7 18.Bh4 Nd6 19.exd5 *(19.e5 Nf5 20.Bf2 h5)* 19...Nf5 20.Bf2 exd5 21.Nb3 Bb6 22.g4 Ne3 23.Bxe3 dxe3 24.d4 Re4 25.Re1 Rae8 26.c3 c6 27.h3 g6 28.Kg2 *(28.Kf1 e2+ 29.Kf2 Bd8 30.Kg3 Bc7↑)* 28...h5 29.gxh5 gxh5 30.Nc1 c5⇄
Laznicka,V (2437)-Jirka,J (2394)/ Cartak 2003/CBM 097 ext (0-1, 40)]
15...Rf8 16.Qg4 Ne5
[16...Nxf4 Marin,Mihail: '(!)' (!) 17.Bxf4 e5 18.Nd2 exf4 19.Rh3⩲
Ivan Sokolov *(19.Rf1 fxg3 20.Rxf7 gxh2+ 21.Kxh2 Rxf7 22.Nf3 Rf6; 19.Rf3 Bb4 20.Nb3 d5↑)* 19...Rae8⇄
Marin,Mihail: 'I do not see any danger for Black.' I do not see any danger for Black.]
[16...d5!? 17.Nd2 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Bd6 19.Rf1 Qf5∞ Marin,Mihail: 'The e4-knight is strong, of course, but the g5-bishop and the f4-pawn are causing some problems.'
The e4-knight is strong, of course, but the g5-bishop and the f4-pawn are causing some problems.]
17.Qh3 Ng6 18.Nd2 Nxf4
[18...d5!? 0.72/19 18...Bb4 0.04 Ivan Sokolov]
19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Nf3!⩲
Marin,Mihail: 'This position should be defensible, but Black risks getting into an ending with a bad bishop.'
This position should be defensible, but Black risks getting into an ending with a bad bishop. **21...Rf6 22.Qe7**
[22.Qg4 simplifies Qxg4 23.Rxg4 a5 24.a4]
22...Rf7 23.Qg5 Raf8 24.Qxf4 Rxf4 25.Re1 Bb6 26.e5 dxe5 27.Rxe5 c6 28.Re7 R4f7 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Rg4 Rf5 31.Re4
[31.Nxd4 h5 32.Rh4 *(32.Re4 Rb5∓)* 32...Rb5=]
31...h6 0.82/20
[31...Kg8⩲ 0.40/16]

(Diagram)

32.Re5 0.08/22
[32.Nxd4 Rb5 *(32...Re5 33.c3±)* 33.b3 Rd5∓]
[White should try 32.Kf1!⩲ 0.82/20]
32...Rf7 0.72/20
[32...Rxe5= 0.08/22 33.Nxe5 Kg8]
33.Kf1 0.31/23



[33.Re8+± 0.72/20 Kh7 34.Kf2]
33...Bc7 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Ke2 Bf4 1.12/20
[35...Kg6± 0.41/13]
36.h4 0.24/22
[36.Nxd4 Bxh2 37.Nf3 Bf4=]
[36.g3± 1.12/20 Bc1 37.b3 *(37.Nxd4 Bxb2 38.Ne6 Kg6±)*]
36...Bg3 0.82/24
[36...c5!= 0.24/22 keeps the balance.]



37.b4!±
[37.Nxd4 Bxh4 *(37...Rf2+ 38.Ke3±)* 38.Nf3 Re7+ 39.Rxe7 Bxe7=]
37...Bd6 38.a3 0.27/21
[38.h5± 0.66/20]
38...c5 0.64/23
[38...Re7+= 0.27/21 39.Rxe7 Bxe7]
39.b5 0.08/23
[Better is 39.bxc5± 0.64/23 Bxc5 40.a4]
39...Bg3 40.a4 b6 41.Re6 Kg8 0.56/22
[41...g6= 0.07/24]
42.Rc6 0.06/25
[42.h5!± 0.56/22]
42...Re7+= 43.Kd1 Kf7 44.a5 Bc7 0.72/26
[44...Rc7= 0.00/19 45.Rxc7+ *(45.axb6 Rxc6* Remove Defender *46.bxc6 axb6∓)* 45...Bxc7 46.axb6 axb6]
45.axb6 0.13/27
[45.h5± 0.72/26]
45...Bxb6= 46.Nd2 Re6 47.Rxe6 Kxe6 48.Ke2 h5 49.Kf3 Ke5 50.g4 g6! 51.Ne4 Bd8
[51...hxg4+ 52.Kxg4 c4 53.Nd2 cxd3 54.cxd3]
52.gxh5 gxh5 53.Ng3 Bxh4 54.Nxh5 Bg5 55.Ng3 Kd5 56.Ne4 Bc1 57.Kg4 c4 58.Kf5 cxd3 59.cxd3 Ba3 60.Kf6 Bb4 61.Kf5 Be7 62.Kf4 Bb4 63.Kf3 Ke5 64.Ke2 Kf4 65.Kd1 Ke5 66.Kc2 Kd5 67.Kb3 Be7 68.Ka4 Bd8 69.Kb4 Bc7 70.Nf6+ Ke6 71.Ne8 Bb6
[71...Bb8!? 72.Kc5□ Ke5=]
72.Kc4 Ke5 73.Ng7 Bd8 74.Kc5 Be7+ 75.Kc6 Ba3 76.Ne8 Kf4?
[Marin,Mihail: 'It is not easy to see how he would make progress after' It is not easy to see how he would make progress after 76...Bb4]
77.Kd5 Ke3 78.Kc4 Bf8? 6.18/31
[78...Kf4= 0.04/30]
79.Nc7+- Bg7

[79...Ba3 80.Nd5+]
80.Nd5+ Kd2
[80...Kd2 81.Nb4 Be5 82.Nc6+-]
1-0

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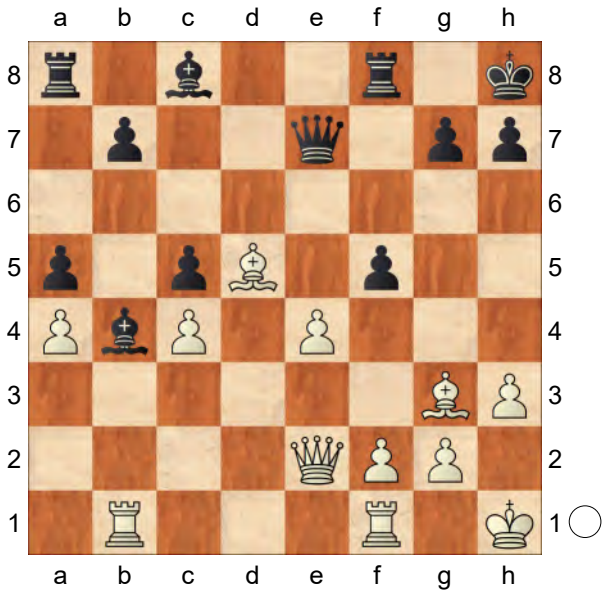
RUS-ch U20 Cheboksary (1) 02.03.2006
[Babula,Vlastimil, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
CHAPTER **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.c3** 0.04/24 Now White has an easy play without any risk. Black's move c7-c6 isn't very useful now as it limits Black's ♗c8 even more than it is usually in the Classical Queen's Gambit. Black usually tries to fulfil such plan: to capture on c4 d5xc4 and then to play b7-b5, ♗c8-b7 and finally c6-c5. White strives to prevent it, of course.
[7.d3± 0.71/22 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.f3 Be6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.f4 Chapter-3... ♘d4 - Byrd Defence a) 5...♗c5_38029 2012]
7...Ne7N
[7...c6 8.d3 Ne7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qh5 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qg4 e5 13.Nd2 dxc3 14.bxc3 Rf7 15.Nf3 Qc8 16.Qxc8+ Rxc8
Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]
[7...Qf6 8.Na3 Bxa3 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxa3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Qxb7 Bc6 13.Qxc7 Rfc8 14.Qa5 Bxe4 15.d3 Rc5 16.Qa6 Bc6 17.cxd4 Rh5 18.d5 Ehlvest,J (2660)-Djurhuus, R (2505) 68/(513) Stockholm 1996]
[7...Nf6 8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Qa4+ Kf8 10.Be2 c5 11.Nc3 h5 12.d3 Ng4 13.Bf4 g5 14.Bxg4 hxg4 15.Bg3 Rh6 16.Rae1 Be5 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Qc4 b6 19.b4 Be6 20.Nd5 Rc8 21.Rc1 Kg7 22.Qc3 Nikhilesh,K (2265)-Natsis,T (2465) Gyor Matrai Nyar op 1997 (8) 0-1]
8.d3 White simply develops his bishop.
[8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bb5 Bf6 0.97/23 *(10...Bb6!⩲* 0.48/24 *)* 11.Bxc6+± bxc6 12.Qxc6+± 1-0 Atalik,S (2593)-Nikolov,S (2395)/ Nova Gorica 1999/EXT 2002/[Atalik] (35) Bd7 13.Qc2]
8...0-0 9.Bg5
[9.Nd2!? This White's resource is also typical. Black is forced either to compromise his pawn structure or to weaken his control under the important c5 square. Nc6]
9...Kh8 The position is equal. **10.Nd2**
[10.cxd4⩲ 1-0 Atalik,S (2598)-Jonkman,H (2421)/Groningen 1999/ CBM 073 ext (45) Bxd4?! 11.Nc3!? c6 12.Qh5± Possible is also 12...f6 , but both moves can lead to the same positions, for example 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qb6 *(14...b5!? 15.Bb3□ a5=)* 15.Qe2!]
10...f6 11.Bh4 c6 0.11/19 This is the main position of this line.
[11...Ng6 -0.25/20 deserves consideration. 12.Bg3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5]
12.Qe2 -0.42/24
[12.a4= 0.11/19]
12...d5∓ 13.Bb3 Aimed against b5-b4, but it leads only to exchange of the a pawns what simplifies Black's defensive task. **13...dxc3** -0.10/21
[13...Re8 0.12/19 13...a5 -0.55 14.Qh5 Ng6 15.Bg3 Against Re5 Ne5]

[13...Ng6∓ -0.55/24 14.Bg3 a5]
14.bxc3= A novelty. **14...d4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Rad1 Ng6 17.Bg3 Ne5** 0.08/22 Black realizes his liberating advance and equalizes as White can't profit from the weakening of Black's kingside, his pieces are far-away.
[17...f5∓ -0.48/21 18.exf5 Bxf5]
18.h3 a5 19.a4! Qe7 0.57/22
[19...b6 20.Bc4!? *(20.Kh1 Ba6)* 20...Ba6 0.49/25 *(20...Qe7 21.Nb3; 20...Qe7*= 0.03/22 *)* 21.Bxa6± *(21.Nb3* -0.38/19 21.Bxa6 0.37 *b5!)* 21...Rxa6 22.Bxe5 -0.12/14 *(22.Kh2±* 0.46/18 *)* 22...fxe5= 23.Rb1]
[19...b6= 0.02/22]
20.Kh1± c5
[20...Be6 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.f4 Nd7?! 23.Nf3]
[20...Bc3 21.f4 Nd7 22.Nf3 Bb4 23.Qe3± 1/2 Khalifman,A (2688)-Sveshnikov,E (2565)/Tallinn 2002/CBM 087/[Tsesarsky] (28)]
21.f4!?
[21.Rb1 Bc3 22.Bd5 Bb4 23.Nc4± 1-0 Goldin,A (2585)-Barua,D (2538)/Reno 1999/EXT 2003 (44) After 23...Nxc4 looks promising for Black a temporary sacrifice of a pawn 24.dxc4 f5

(Diagram)

25.f3!? 0.29/20 *(25.Qe3!±* 0.78/22 *)* , for example 25...Ra6 26.Rfd1 0.14/15 *(26.Bh2±* 0.62/22 *)*]
21...Nc6 22.Nf3 Be6? It gives White the upper hand which he converts after many errors. **23.Bxe6± Qxe6 24.Rb1 Qd7 25.Rfd1** 0.25/21
[25.Rb5± 0.72/20]
25...Rfc8?! 0.68/15



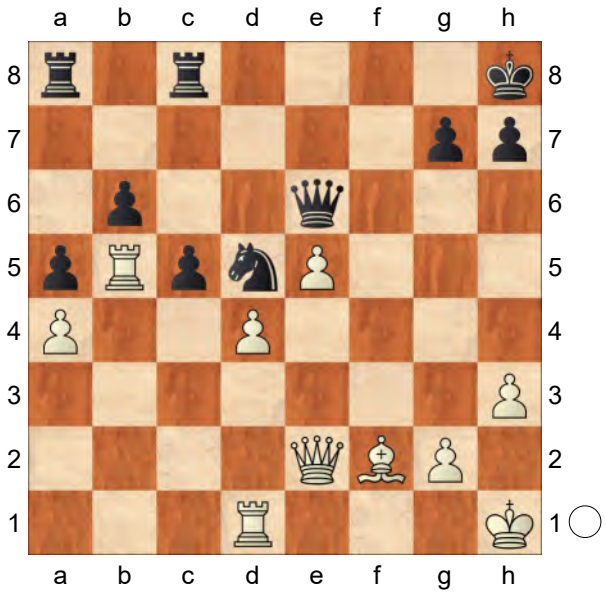
[25...Bc3= 0.25/21 is more appropriate.]
26.Rb5± Nb4
[26...Re8 Correct is the immediate ⌓27.Rdb1 Nb4! 28.Be1!? 0.07/21 *(28.Nxd4* -0.16/22 28.Nd2 0.74 *Qxd4* and now *29.Rxb7!±* Strongly threatening Qg4. what was played in the game Tal,M-Nei,I/USSR 1981 published in the Informant n. 31, but that game is missing in the Mega Database. *Qxd3 30.Qxd3! Nxd3;* Better is *28.Nd2±* 0.72/21 *)* 28...Ra6 1.02/19 *(28...b6*= 0.07/21 keeps the balance. *)*]
27.Be1 0.60/20
[27.Nxd4 cxd4= 0-1 Pelletier,Y (2623)-Zvjaginsev,V (2664)/Poikovsky 2003/CBM 095/[Tsesarsky] (61) 28.e5 Qc6= 1.57/21 *(*Black should play *28...Nd5* 1.06/17 *)* ≤29.Bf2?! allows White to fixate the c5 square]
[27.Nxd4± 1.05/21 Nf5 is the strong threat. cxd4 28.Qg4 Qxg4 29.hxg4]
27...b6 28.Nxd4?!
[28.Rxb6!? 0.23/27 28.Nxd4 0.60
A) 28...c4? 3.92/23 28...Qxa4 0.19 29.dxc4 *(29.Nxd4±* 0.14/19

29.dxc4 4.00 *Qxd4 30.Bf2! cxd3* White must now prevent ...Qxb6! *31.Qf3 Qc4)*;
B) 28...Qxa4 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.Bxb4 axb4 31.Rb1;
C) 28...Qxa4= 0.23/27 29.Nxd4 cxd4;
D) 28...Rcb8 0.85/25 29.Rxb8+± Rxb8 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.Ra1 Qc7 ½-½ Gligoric,S-Gaprindashvili,N/ Elista 2002/CBM 89 ext (21) ≤32.f5?! 0.40/22 *(32.Bd2±* 0.83/25 *)*]

28...Qxd4 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.e5?!
[30.d4 0.27/22 30.Kh2 0.65 Qxf4 31.dxc5± The critical position arises after 31...bxc5 32.Bxc5 Nc6 33.Bd6 Compared to the one examined above there is only one difference, there are missing the a pawns. And it causes that 33...Ne5 isn't so dangerous for Black as after 34.Bxe5 it makes no sense for White to play ♗d3-a6. fxe5 35.Qd3 next Rxa5! is good for White. h6]

30...fxe5± 31.fxe5 Qe6 1.25/19
[31...Qg6?! 32.e6
A) 32...Rc6= 1.67/24 32...Re8 0.38 ≤33.e7?! And now d4 would win. Re8± 1.48/21 *(⌓33...Re6* 1.03/21 *34.Qf3 Rg8)* ≤34.d4?! 0.91/20 *(⌓34.Bh4* 1.48/21 *)*;
B) 32...Re8 33.Rxb6 Hoping for Rd6! Nd5]
[31...Qg6!± 0.35/20]

32.d4↑ White is really pushing. **32...c4?** 2.91/20 This costs Black the game.
[32...cxd4± ⌓33.Bxd4= 1.37/18 *(*White should try *33.Rxd4+-* 1.76/15 *Rc1+ 34.Bg1)* 33...Nd5 2.40/18 *(33...Rc6±* 1.37/18 was necessary. *34.Qg4 Qxg4 35.hxg4 Rd8)* 34.Qa2]
[32...Nd5 1.74/21 32...Qa2 1.07



33.Qc4!∞]
[32...Qa2± 1.16/19 was worth a try. 33.Qxa2 Nxa2]

33.d5+- Qf5 4.74/21
[⌓33...Qg6 3.04/20 34.d6 *(34.Bxb6 c3+-; 34.Rxb6 Qg5+-)* 34...c3]

34.d6?
[34.Rxb6 c3 35.d6 c2∓]

34...Nd3? 35.Bxb6 Re8
[35...Qd7 36.Qg4 Qxg4 37.hxg4]

36.Qg4 Prevents h6
[36.Bxa5 Nf2+ *(36...Nxe5? 37.Bc3+-)* 37.Kg1 Nxd1+-]

36...Qf7 4.86/15
[36...Qxg4 3.29/18 is a better defense. 37.hxg4 Nxe5]

37.d7 White is clearly winning.
[37.Bxa5? Nf2+ *(37...Nxe5? 38.Rxe5* Promotion *Rxe5 39.d7+-)* 38.Kg1 Nxg4-+]

⌓37...Re7! 38.e6
[38.d8R+ Rxd8 39.e6 *(39.Bxd8 Nf2+ 40.Kg1 Nxg4±; 39.Rxa5 Rde8±)* 39...Qxe6 *(39...Rxe6 40.Rf5±)* 40.Qxe6 *(40.Bxd8? Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nxg4-+)* 40...Rxe6 41.Bxd8 Nf2+ 42.Kg1 Nxd1±]

38...Rxe6 39.Qxc4 Qxd7 40.Rxd3

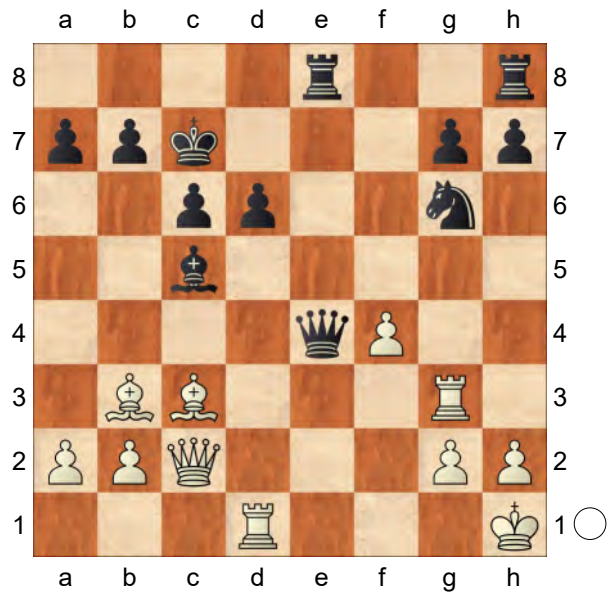
[40.Qxd3? 0.00/29 40.Rxd3 4.69 Re1+! 41.Rxe1!+- ⩲Qxd3± ⩲42.Rxa5 ⩲Rf8 ⩲43.Rae5 Kg8 44.a5]
[Worse is 40.Qxd3 Re1+ 41.Rxe1 Qxd3=]
40...Re1+ 41.Kh2∞ ⩲Qe7+- 42.Qc7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.48.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=3
Black=8
Inaccurate: White=3
Black=2
OK: White=16
Black=13
Best: White=2
Black=1
Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

C61
□ **Louvrier Saint Mary,Jean Roger 2627**
■ **Nilsson,Lars Goeran 2526**
51/(455) Gausdal (6) 20.08.2005
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6
[7...Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]
8.f4
[8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3 L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008]
8...f5 9.Bb3N 0.49/10
[Better is 9.Nd2!± 1.06/13 Nf6 10.Bb3 Ng4 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Re1+ Kd7 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.h3 h5 15.Ng5 Ne3 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.dxe4 g5 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.f5 g4 21.Be6+ Kc7 22.Qg3 Qxb2 23.Kh1 Qxc2 24.e5 11.♗e3 ♖g8 (2405)-Moudallal,T (2430) Lloyds Bank op 1979 0-1]
9...Ne7 1.23/14
[9...fxe4± 0.49/10 10.dxe4 Nf6]
10.Nd2± White is better. **10...Kd7**
11.Kh1 Kc7 12.c3 Ng6 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.Bd2 fxe4 2.22/7
[15...Rf8± 1.59/10]
16.dxe4+- Bg4 17.Qc2 Bxf3 18.Rxf3
[18.gxf3?! Qh4±]
18...Qe7 19.Rd1 Rad8 20.Rg3
f5 is the strong threat. **20...Rde8**
Black is weak on the light squares
21.Bb4 1.44/19
[21.a4+- 1.99/17]
21...Bc5 22.Bc3
[22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.f5 Ne5=]
22...Qxe4

(Diagram)

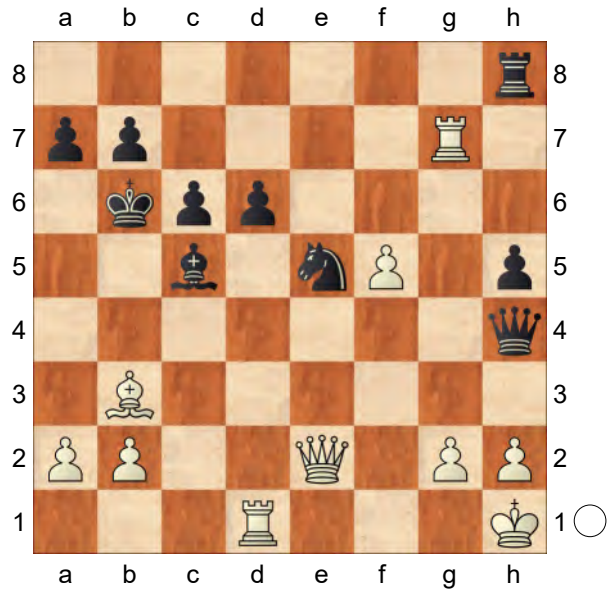
23.f5!
[23.Bxg7? Qe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1#]
23...Qh4
[23...Qxc2? 24.Bxc2 Nf4 25.Rxg7+ Kb6 26.b4+-]
24.Bxg7 A strong pair of Bishops.
[24.fxg6? Qxg3 25.gxh7 Qh4-+]
24...Ne5 25.Qe2 Inhibits Ng4. aiming for Be6! **25...h5** And now ...Ng4 would win.
26.Bxh8 Rxh8



[Wrong is 26...Ng4? 27.Rxg4 *(27.Qxe8? Qxh2#)* 27...Qd8 28.Rg7+ Kb6 29.Rg8 *(29.Qxh5 Rxh8 30.Qg5 Qf8+-)* 29...Rxg8 30.Bxg8+-]

27.Rg7+ Kb6 1.93/12

[27...Kb8± 1.32/14 keeps fighting.]



28.Rf1 1.38/12

[28.Be6!+- 1.93/12]

28...Ng4 29.g3 Qf6 30.Qe7 -5.05/11

[30.Rg6+- 1.73/11 Qd4 31.Be6]

30...Qxb2-+ 31.Qc7+? -13.80/11

[31.Qxb7+ gets mated. Ka5 32.Qc7+ Bb6]

[31.Rxg4 -2.46/7 hxg4 32.h4]

31...Kb5 32.a4+ Kb4 33.Qxb7+ Bb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.19 (very precise) .

Missed win: White=1 ---

Mistake: White=4 Black=3

Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2

OK: White=9 Black=5

Best: White=2 Black=2

Strong: White=1 ---

0-1

C61

□ **Paessler,Hans Dieter** **2464**

■ **Luba,Lukasz** **2391**

24th Chicago Open 2015 (4) 05.08.2005

[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

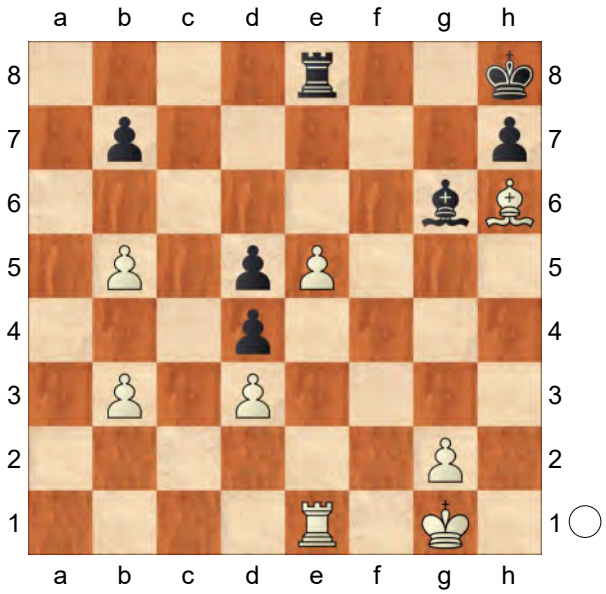
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.d3 Ne7 8.Qh5 0-0 9.Nd2N

[9.Bg5

A) 9...Be6 10.Qh4 Re8 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nd2 *(12.f4 Qd7 13.Rf3 Ng6 14.Qh5 Nf8 15.Nd2 a6 16.Raf1 d5 17.Rg3 Be7 18.Bh6 g6 19.f5 exf5 20.exf5 Bd6 21.Rg5 Kh8 22.fxg6 Nxg6 23.Rxg6 hxg6 24.Qxg6 Re6 25.Bg7+ Qxg7 26.Qxe6 Qg5* Brenke,A-John,H corr 76/153 1999 *)* 12...Qd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qxe7 Rxe7 15.f4 a5 16.Rf2 a4 17.Nf1 Rf8 18.Ng3 d5 19.Raf1 Ref7 20.exd5 exd5 21.f5

Bd6 22.Ne2 g6 23.Nxd4 Bc5 24.c3 Falke,H (2515)-3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 (2575) URS-ch sf Sochi 1952 ½-½;
B) 9...h6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.g3 e5 14.a3 Bb4 15.f4 exf4 16.Rxf4 Qe5 17.Qxe5 dxe5 18.Rf6 gxf6 19.Nf3 Chapter-3...Nd4 2023]

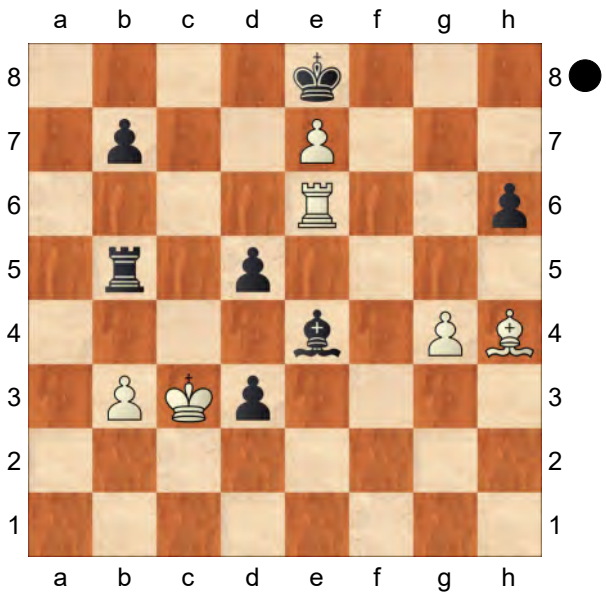
9...c6 10.a3 White is slightly better.
10...d5 11.Ba2 a5 0.75/16
[11...Be6= 0.28/19]
12.Re1 0.21/19
[12.f4± 0.75/16]
12...Kh8 0.86/20
[12...Be6= 0.21/19 remains equal.]
13.Nf3 0.35/20
[13.exd5± 0.86/20 cxd5 14.Ne4 dxe4 15.Qxc5]
13...f6± 14.Bd2 Be6 15.exd5 Bf7 16.Qh3 Hoping for dxc6. **16...cxd5** 0.60/22
[16...Nxd5= 0.16/22 17.b4 Bb6]
17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Bb6 19.Bb3 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Nc6 21.Re1 Qd6 22.Qg3 Qd7 23.Qf4 Bc7 24.Qh4 Be5 1.94/24
[24...h5± 0.44/22]
25.b5+- Ne7 26.Nxe5
[26.Nxd4? Ng6 27.Qh5 Bxd4-+]
26...fxe5 27.Qg3!
[27.Rxe5 Ng6 28.Qg3 Nxe5 29.Qxe5 Qxb5=]
27...Ng6 28.h4! Threatens to win with h5. **28...Qf5 29.Qg5 Qxg5 30.Bxg5** Strongly threatening h5.
[30.hxg5?! Ra8 31.Bb4 Kg8±]
30...Re8 31.h5 Nf8 32.h6 0.95/23
[32.Bd2+- 1.85/22]
32...Nd7± 33.f4 gxh6 34.Bxh6 Nc5 35.fxe5 Nxb3 36.cxb3± Endgame. KRB-KRB **36...Bg6** 1.72/24
[36...Kg8± 0.50/24]



37.e6 1.17/26
[37.Rf1!+- 1.72/24 e6! is the strong threat. Bxd3 38.Rf7]
37...Bxd3± 38.e7 0.21/24
[38.Re5± 1.07/23]
38...Kg8!= 39.Re5 Be4 40.Kf2⇄ White is not holding back **40...Kf7 41.Bg5 d3 42.Ke3 Rg8 43.g3 Ke8 44.Bh4 Rg6 45.Kd2 h6 46.Kc3 Rb6 47.Kd2 Rg6 48.Kc3 Rb6 49.g4?** -3.78/26
[49.Rh5= 0.01/26 and White has nothing to worry.]
49...Rxb5-+ 50.Re6? -6.59/24
[50.Bf2 -3.54/25 Ra5 *(50...d4+ 51.Bxd4=)* 51.Be3]

(Diagram)

50...Rxb3+!! Deflection, Promotion. Black is clearly winning. **51.Kd2** Intending Rd6! and mate. **51...Rb2+ 52.Ke3 Re2+ 53.Kf4 d2 54.Rd6 Bc2**
[Inferior is 54...d1R 55.Rd8+ *(55.Rxh6? Kf7-+)* 55...Kf7 56.e8Q+ Kg7 57.Qg8#]



[54...Rf2+ 55.Ke5 Kf7 56.Rd8 *(56.Bxf2 d1Q∓)* 56...Bh7 57.e8Q+ *(57.e8R? Re2+* Skewer *58.Kf4 d1Q-+)* 57...Kg7 58.Rd7+ *(58.Bxf2 h5 59.Rd7+ Kh6 60.Qxh5#; 58.Bxf2 h5 59.Qf8+ Kg6 60.Qf6#)*]

55.Rd8+ Kf7 56.Rf8+ Kg6 57.Rg8+ Kh7 58.e8Q Rxe8

[Weaker is 58...d1R 59.Qf7#]

59.Rxe8 d1Q

[59...d1B? too greedy. 60.Bf2+-]

60.Re7+ Kg8 aiming for ...Qd2+. **61.Bf6 Qd2+ 62.Ke5 Qe3+ 63.Kd6 Qf4+ 64.Be5 Qxg4 65.Rxb7** Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.19 (very precise) .

Loses game: White=1 ---

Mistake: White=6

Black=5

Inaccurate: White=4 ---

OK: White=17

Black=23

Best: White=2

Black=3

Strong: White=2

Black=1

Brilliant: ---

Black=1

0-1

C61

□ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2630**

■ **Schlosser,Philipp** **2559**

FRA-chT Top 16 GP Haute (11.1) 7.5.05

[Gurevich,Mikhail, MH]

(100min+30sec)/40+(50min+30sec)/20+(10min+

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

RR: 'Inf 46/(414)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Ba4 Nf6**

[6...Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]

7.c3 -0.28/19

[7.Bb3± 0.31/19]

7...d3=

[7...Be7 0.67/24 7...d3 -0.28

A) 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4 -0.35/19 *(9.cxd4± 0.31/17 Qb6 10.Nc3)*;

B) 8.d3 dxc3 9.Nxc3 d6 10.d4 0-0 11.Bc2 *(11.h3 b5 12.Bc2 a6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Ng3 Bf8 16.Qd2 c5 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Bb1 Qb8 21.d5 Nb6 22.b3* 12.h4 h5 13.♗h6-Bocharov,D Bognor 1961 *)* 11...Re8 12.f4 Bf8↑ 1-0 Sargissian,G-Al Sayed,M/Caleta ENG 2005/The Week in Chess 534 (44) 13.e5 0.85/18 *(⌓13.Qd3* 1.21/15 *)*]

8.Qf3N

[8.e5 -0.71/21 8.c4 0.00 Ne4 -0.15/17 *(8...Nd5!∓* -0.71/21 *)* 9.Qf3=

1/2-1/2 Gelfand,B-Bruzon,L/ Pamplona ESP 2004/The Week in Chess 530 (19) Nc5 10.Bd1! d6 11.b4 Ne6 12.Qxd3 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.d3 g5 15.Re1 f6 16.Nd2 Kc7 17.Ne4 Balashov,Y (2540)-Guseinov,A (2325) Klaipeda Klaipeda 46/(414) 1988]

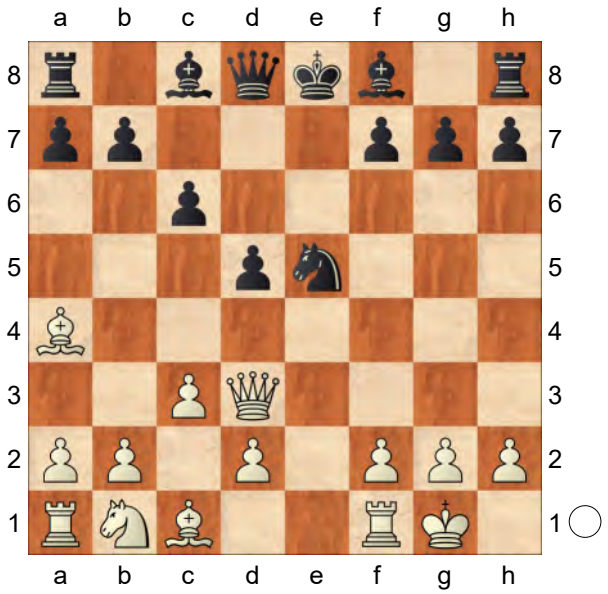
[8.c4!?]

8...d5!

[8...Qa5? 1.18/22 8...d5 -0.46 9.Bb3 0.69/18 *(9.Bd1!± 1.18/22)* 9...Qe5? 1.25/22 *(*Black should try *9...Qh5!±* 0.69/18 *)* 10.Qxd3± Nxe4 2.26/22 *(10...d5±* 1.13/20 *)* 11.Qe2+- Bd6? 2.96/21 *(11...d5* 3.08/21 11...Qe7 1. 63 *12.d3! Bd6 13.f4; 11...Qe7±* 1.38/23 *)* 12.f4+- Qe7 13.Re1! Nc5 ...Nd3! would now be deadly. 14.Bxf7+? 0.75/19 *(14.Qf2!+-* 2.55/21 *Ne6 15.f5)*]

9.e5 The position is equal. **9...Ne4**

[9...Ng4 -0.09/16 9...Nd7 -0.50 10.Qxd3 Strongly threatening Qg3. Nxe5+- 0.95/22 *(10...Nxh2!=* -0.25/21 keeps the balance. *11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Kxh2 Qh4+ 13.Kg1 h5)*



11.Re1!± And now Qg3! would win.

Qe7± 2.28/22 *(11...f6±* 1.02/23 *)* 12.Qf1 -Kasparov,G-Nielsen,P.H. Reykjavic rapid 2004]

10.Qxd3 Nc5! 11.Qc2 d4! Black has compensation. **12.d3 Bf5 13.Rd1 Be7 14.Bb3 0-0 15.Qe2 Qd7** -0.09/20

[15...dxc3∓ -0.53/21 16.Nxc3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Be6]

16.cxd4

[16.Bc2]

16...Nxb3

[16...Qxd4?! 17.Be3 Qh4 *(17...Qxe5? 18.d4+-; 17...Bxd3? 18.Qd2+-)* 18.g3±]

17.axb3 Qxd4 ...Bg4 is the strong threat. **18.Ra4 Qd5** TN **19.Rf4 Bg6⇄** [Δ20...Be6;20...exd4]

[19...Be6∓]

20.Nc3 Qxb3 21.h4 h5 [Δ22...Be6,23... Qd5]

[21...h6 22.h5 Bh7]

22.d4!? Rad8 23.Be3 Rfe8 24.Ne4 Bf8

[24...Rd5! 0.42/14 24...Qd5 -0.33]

25.Rc1 Rd5 26.Ng3 Rb5 0.65/15

[26...Qb5! 0.67/21 26...c5 -0.61 27.Qf3 Qxb2∓ 1.61/21 *(*Better is *27...Red8!±* 0.53/23 *)* 28.Nxh5]

[26...c5= -0.20/22]

27.Nxh5± Qxb2 28.Qg4 c5= 5.03/22

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.

29.Nxg7! Clearance **29...Bxg7 30.h5 Rb6**

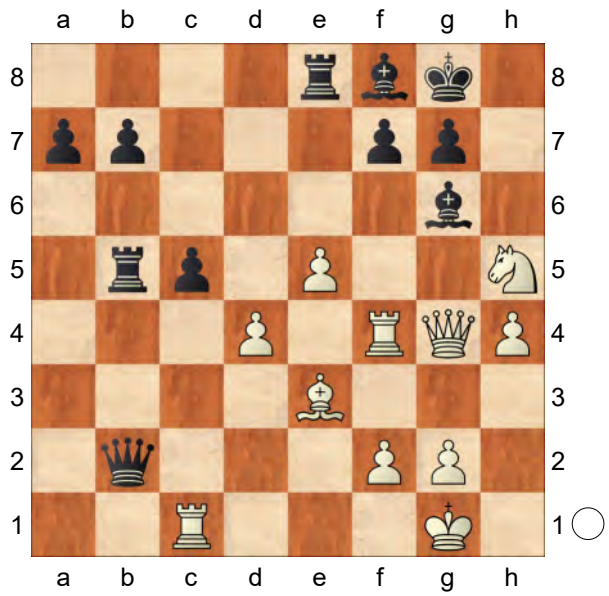
[30...cxd4? 10.77/17 30...Rb6 2.82 31.hxg6]

31.hxg6 Rxg6 32.Qf5∓ Qb3 33.Rxc5

[33.dxc5 Rxe5 34.Qc8+ Bf8±]

33...Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Re7 8.22/15

[34...Rh6+ 3.23/14 35.Kg3 Rg6+ 36.Rg4 Rxg4+ 37.Qxg4 Qb3]



35.Rc8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.32.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: ---
Black=3
Inaccurate: White=5
Black=2
OK: White=13
Black=11
Best: White=3
Black=1
Strong: ---
Black=2 . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61

□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2715**
■ **Bologan,Viktor** **2683**
Poikovsky Karpov 06th (8) 06.03.2005
[Ftacnik,Lubomir, MH]

1.e4 Ftacnik,L Ftacnik **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.c3**
[9.f4 f5 10.Bb3 a5 11.a4 Kd7 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4 Bb6 14.Ng3 Kc7 15.Nxf5 1-0 Akopian,V-Goldin,A/ Stratton Mountain 1999/ (39) Bxf5 16.g4 Bd7 17.f5 Qh4 18.Bf4 h5 19.Bg3 Qg5 20.Qf3 Rae8 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 hxg4 23.Raf1 Rhf8 24.Rxg4 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Bxf5 26.Rxg7+ ½-½ Azmaiparashvili,Z-Geller,E/Belgrade 1988/ (65)]
[9.Qh5 Be6 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Ng5 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c3 Ng6 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Be3 Bb6 16.Rac1 Rdf8 17.d4 Nf4 18.Qd1 Qf7 19.g3 Ng6 20.b4]
[9.a3 a5 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bb2 Be6 13.f4 c5 14.bxc5 Bxb3 15.cxb3 dxc5 16.a4 f5 17.Nc4 Bb8 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Qf3 fxe4 21.dxe4 b5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Qh3 Ra6 24.Ra4 Rb8 25.Rb1]
9...Bb6 Bologan has accepted the game with isolated pawn, since due to the move 7..c5 he can try to benefit from the development advantage. **10.Qh5 dxc3**
[10...0-0 11.Bb3 d5 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.a4]
11.bxc3 0-0 12.d4
[12.Bb3 Be6 13.Nf3 h6 14.Re1]
12...Be6
[12...Ba5 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bb3]
13.Nf3 f6 Black has not found the courage for the more original solution with the elimination of the b2 pawn. Unfortunatelly even such a daring approach would not promise him the equality. **14.Bb3 Qd7**
[14...d5 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Ba3± Rae8 17.Rab1]
15.Re1 Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4
[17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.d5±]
17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3
[18...Bc7 19.Re3 Qf7 20.Qg3 Bxb3

21.axb3 f5 22.exf5 Qxf5±]
19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3 Bacrot has optimally distributed his forces, Bologan can only hope for keeping the dynamic balance in the position.
[20.Qg3 Rfe8 21.f3± d5]
20...Rfe8 21.Rae1 d5 22.h3
[22.f3± f5 23.e5 Bd8]
22...Bc7
[22...dxe4 23.Rxe4± Ba5 24.Qg4 Bxc3 25.R1e3 h5 26.Qf5 Bd2 27.Rxe6 Bxe3± 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.fxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Kh2± Qxb3 31.Bd6]
23.Qg4
[23.f3 f5]
23...h5 24.Qf3! The elegant method of keeping the bishop's pair, te second player will have to live with distinctly worse position.
[24.Qxh5 Rxe4∓ 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 dxe4]
24...dxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxe4 Kf7 28.Qe2
[28.Qh7 Qd5 29.Qc2 Kg8]
28...g6 29.c4 Bb6
[29...Qxd4 30.Qe7+ Kg8± 31.Qf8+ Kh7 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qxc7 Qa1+± 34.Kh2! Qxa3 35.Qc8+∞ Kg7? 36.Qxb7++- Kh6 37.Qxc6 Qxb3 38.Qxf6 Qxc4 39.Qf8+± Kh7 40.Qe7+ Kh6 41.Qxa7]
30.d5 cxd5 31.cxd5! The undermining of the pawn structure will finally include white's lightsquared bishop into the battle. **31...Qe8**
[31...Qxd5 32.Qe7+ Kg8 33.Qxf6± Qf7]
32.Qd1
[32.Qxe8+ Kxe8 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 a5]
[32.Kf1 Qxe2+ 33.Kxe2± a5 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 Ba7± 36.f4 b5]
32...Qe5 33.d6
[33.Qd2+- Qd4 34.Qxd4 Bxd4 35.Kf1 a5]
33...Ke8 34.Bb4
[34.d7+ Kd8 35.Bb4! Qf5]
34...a5 35.Ba3 Kd7 36.Qf3
[36.Qf1 h4]
[36.Kf1 Bc5]
36...Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Qxa3 38.Qxb7+ Ke6 39.Qe7+
[39.Qxb6 Qxd6+ 40.Qxd6+ Kxd6 41.f4 Kc5]
39...Kd5 40.Qb7+ Ke6 41.Qe7+! With fine manouvers white has managed to preserve two bishops and control over the c file. The position is quite critical for Bologan. **41...Kf5 42.g4+**
[42.Qd7+± Kg5 43.Qb5+ Qc5]
42...hxg4 43.hxg4+ Kg5 44.f4+! Bacrot has tied down black's hands first and now simple inclusion of white king immeditelly decides the bight. White has realized the potential of the position in a truly masterful way.
[44.Qe6 Qb2 45.Kh3 Qxf2]
44...Kxg4 45.Qe6+ Kf3
[45...Kf3 46.Qd5+ *(46.Qh3+ Kxf4 47.Qf1+ Ke4 48.Qc4+ Bd4 49.Qe2+ Kf4 50.Qd2++- Ke5 51.d7 Qd6)*
46...Kxf4 47.Qc4++- Ke5 48.d7 Qd6]
1-0

C61

□ **Chernyshov,K** **2585**
■ **Geller,J** **2484**
Skanska Open (6) 28.07.2004
[Prié, Eric, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3

[6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d6 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Qe7 10.b4 Bb6 11.a4 a6 12.c3 Ba7 13.Bd2 h6! 14.Na3 Be6 15.b5 Qf6 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Bxa6 Qxf3 getting rid of Black's most dangerous piece was radical. 18.gxf3]
[6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4 Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0]

6...c6 7.Bc4

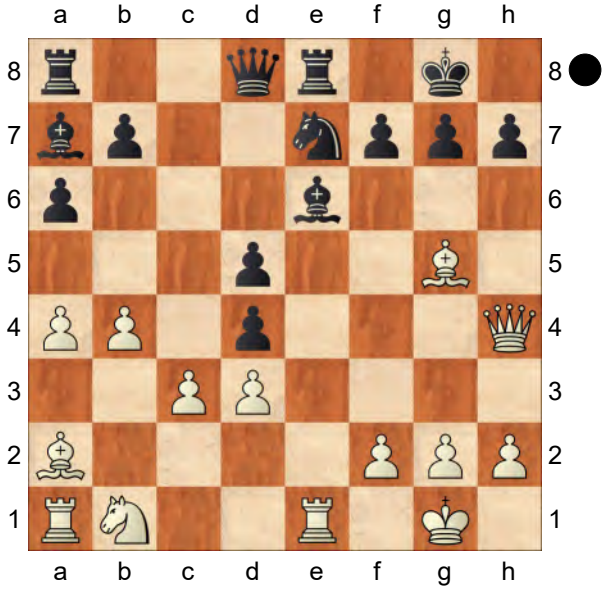
[7.Ba4 Ne7 8.d3 d5 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f4 f5 13.e5 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.a4 Ba6 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Be3 Ne6 20.Qf3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Qd7 Jaivardhan,R (2620)-11.♘bd2_10127 (2590) Slovenija 80/372 2000 (5) 1-0]

7...d6 8.d3

[8.a4 a5 0.42/20 *(8...Nf6=* -0.02/16 *)* 9.Na3 0.02/21 *(9.d3±* 0.42/20 *)* 9...Ne7 10.Nc2 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Re1+ Be6 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.cxd4 0-0 15.d3 Qd7]

8...h5N 1.24/17

[8...Ne7 0.40/21 8...Nf6 0.00 9.a4 *(9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qh5 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qg4 e5 13.Nd2 dxc3 14.bxc3 Rf7 15.Nf3 Qc8 16.Qxc8+ Rxc8* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)* 9...a6 0.79/21 *(9...d5!=* 0.21/20 *10.Ba2 0-0)* 10.Bg5 0.21/20 *(10.Ba2±* 0.79/21 *)* 10...0-0= 11.Qh5 Be6 0.63/19 *(11...dxc3=* 0.22/20 feels stronger. *12.bxc3 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Bxe7 Bxe7 15.Qxd5 Qc7)* 12.b4 -0.02/16 *(12.Bxe6!±* 0.63/19 *fxe6 13.b4)* 12...d5 0.58/18 *(12...Bxc4=* -0.02/16 *13.dxc4 Ba7)* 13.Ba2 -0.49/22 *(13.bxc5±* 0.58/18 *dxc4 14.Rd1)* 13...Ba7∓ 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Re1 -1.08/22 *(*White should play *15.Bxe7!∓* -0.52/16 *Qxe7 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5)* 15...Re8 0.00/19 *(15...h6∓* -1.08/22 *16.Bh4 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Rae8)* 16.Qh4 -1.41/19 *(16.c4!=* 0.00/19 keeps the balance. *)*



16...Rc8 -0.02/17 *(16...Qd6!∓* -1.41/19 *17.Bb3 Ng6)* 17.c4= f6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rxe6 And now Qh3 would win. Ng6 20.Qg4 -0.57/19 *(*Only move: *20.Qh3!=* 0.10/23 *Qd7 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Nd2 Qxh3 23.gxh3)* 20...Qd7!∓ 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
[8...Nf6= 0.05/17 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.a4 0-0-0 13.Bxe6+ fxe6 14.b4 dxc3 15.bxc5 cxd2 16.f4 dxc5 17.e5 Rxd3 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Qc2 Rhd8 20.Rad1 R3d4 21.Rf2 e5 22.Rfxd2 e4 23.a5 e3 10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382-Gustafson,D 84/(351) Cutro 2002 (6) 1-0]

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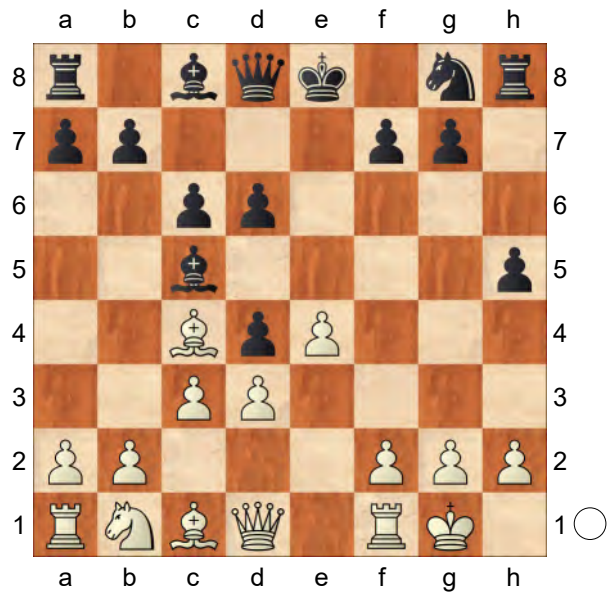


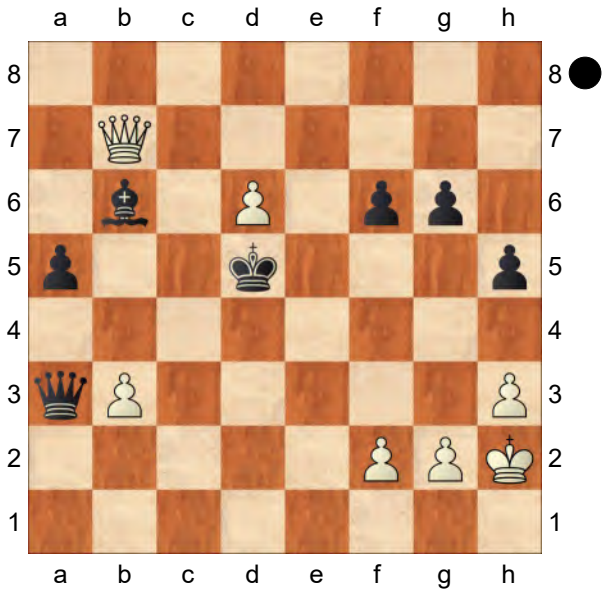
9.a4 0.81/18
[⌓9.Nd2! 1.24/17]
9...a6 1.19/15
[⌓9...d5 0.81/18]
10.b4 0.65/19 The last attempt for White to win a pawn and seal the breaches on the dark squares as much as possible.
[10.Nd2± 1.19/15]
10...Ba7?!± 11.cxd4 0.30/22 White is more active.
[11.Bb3± 0.72/16]
11...Bxd4 12.Ra2 Qf6 0.70/19
[12...Nf6= 0.22/15]
13.Be3 0.11/19
[White should try 13.Nd2± 0.70/19]
13...Ne7= 14.Qe2 Be6 0.99/21 This attack with pawns supported by a valiant 'dragon' bishop would offer Black enough compensation if only he did not have his own king weaknesses...
[14...h4= 0.06/19 remains equal.]
15.Nd2 -0.08/18
[15.Bxe6± 0.99/21 Black must now prevent Bb3. fxe6 16.Nd2]
15...g6? 1.94/22
[15...d5= -0.08/18 16.Bb3 h4]
16.Nf3 0.72/20
[16.Bxe6+- 1.94/22 Hoping for Bb3. Bxe3 17.Bd7+ *(17.fxe3 Qxe6 18.Nf3 0-0±)* 17...Kxd7 18.fxe3 *(18.Qxe3 Kc7±)*]
16...Bxe3± 17.Qxe3 d5 18.exd5 -0.25/20
[18.e5± 0.71/18 Qg7 19.Bb3]
18...cxd5= 19.Bb3 Knight and queen are fighting back to retrieve some vital control over the dark squares. **19...0-0 20.Rc2!**
[20.d4]
20...Rac8 Prevents Rc7 **21.Rfc1 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Nc6** ...d4! would now be deadly. **23.Qd2 Rd8** -0.12/21
[23...Bg4∓ -0.59/22 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Nd4 26.Nxd4 Qxd4]
24.Ba2 -0.94/18
[24.d4= -0.12/21]
24...Nd4 -0.36/20
[24...Bg4∓ -0.94/18 25.b5 Nd4 26.Nxd4 Qxd4]
25.Nxd4∓ Qxd4 26.h3? Rd6 27.a5 Prevents Rb6. **27...Rd8** -0.06/24
[27...Rc6∓ -0.51/18 was preferrable. 28.Rxc6 bxc6]
28.Rc1 -0.46/22
[28.Qc3= -0.06/24 Qxc3 29.Rxc3]
28...Bf5 0.00/27 Now White will have to surmount real technical problems to transform his material advantage into victory. But the Russian Grandmaster seems to like it, as against Grishuk in the Tromp with his revolutionary Bc7!
[28...Rb8∓ -0.46/22]
29.Qc3= Qf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.40.
Loses game: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=9 Black=8
OK: White=7 Black=9

Best: ---
Black=1 . Loss on time!?
[29...Qxd3 30.Qxd3 Bxd3 31.Rd1]
1-0

C61

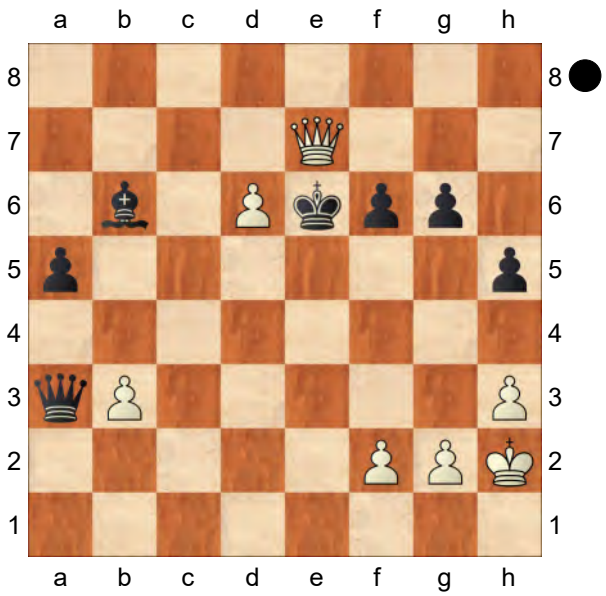
□ **Campos 2712**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman 2743**
USSR 13/422 (7) 26.07.2004
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6
[7...Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]
8.Nd2 Ne7N 0.94/21
[8...a5± 0.54/22 feels stronger.]
[8...Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3 L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008]
9.c3 Bb6 10.Qh5 White is better.
10...dxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.d4 Be6 13.Nf3 f6 Wards off Ng5 **14.Bb3 Qd7 15.Re1** Threatens to win with Qh3.
15...Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4 0.00/27
[17.h3± 0.40/17 deserves consideration.]
17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3 19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3 Rfe8 21.Rae1 d5 aiming for ... dxe4. **22.h3 Bc7 23.Qg4 h5 24.Qf3 dxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxe4=** Endgame. KQB-KQB **27...Kf7 28.Qe2 g6 29.c4 Bb6 30.d5 cxd5 31.cxd5 Qe8 32.Qd1**
[32.Qxe8+ Kxe8 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Bc7∓]
[32.Kf1 simplifies Qxe2+ 33.Kxe2 Bd8 34.Kd3]
32...Qe5 33.d6 Ke8 34.Bb4 a5 35.Ba3 -0.89/25
[35.Be1∓ -0.43/22]
35...Kd7∓ Black is more active. **36.Qf3?** -3.59/26
[36.b4∓ -0.85/26]
36...Qa1+-+ 37.Kh2 Qxa3 38.Qxb7+ Ke6! 39.Qe7+
[39.Qxb6? Qxd6+ 40.Qxd6+ Kxd6-+]
39...Kd5? -0.11/22
[39...Kf5!-+ -3.30/30 40.Qd7+ Kg5 41.h4+ Decoy Kxh4 42.g3+ Kg5 43.f4+ Kh6]
40.Qb7+=



Ke6!
[40...Kxd6 41.Qxb6+ Ke7 42.g3=]
[40...Kc5 41.Qc7+ Bxc7 42.dxc7=]
41.Qe7+
[41.Qxb6 Qxd6+ 42.Qxd6+ Kxd6-+]

(Diagram)



41...Kf5!
[41...Kd5 42.Qb7+ Ke6-+
(42...Kxd6 43.Qxb6+ Ke7 44.Qc7+ Kf8 45.g3=; 42...Kc5 43.Qc7+ Kd5 44.Qf7+ Kc6 45.Qe8+ Kc5 46.Qc8+ Kd4 47.d7-+)]
42.g4+? -4.82/25
[42.Qd7+ -2.73/21 Ke5 43.Qe7+ Kf5 *(43...Kd5 44.Qb7+ Ke6∓)* 44.Qd7+ Kg5 45.h4+ Decoy Kxh4 46.g3+ Kg5 47.f4+ Kh6 48.Qe8 Qb2+ *(48...Qxd6 49.Qh8#)* 49.Kh3]
42...hxg4-+ Black is clearly winning.
43.hxg4+ -8.43/23
[⌓43.Qd7+ -4.59/19 Kg5 44.Qxg4+ Kh6 45.Qf4+ Kg7 46.Qg3]
43...Kg5 44.f4+ Kxg4 (-> ...Qb2+)
45.Qe6+ Kf3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.10 (very precise) .
Loses game: White=1 ---
Missed win: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=4
Black=1
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=1
OK: White=13
Black=12
Best: White=3
Black=4
Strong: ---
Black=3
[45...Kxf4 46.Qxf6+ Ke3 47.Qg5+ Kf3 48.Qg2+ Kf4 49.Qg3+ Kf5 50.Qf3+ Ke5 51.Qg3+ Kf6 52.Qf3+ Ke5 53.Qg3+ Kf6 54.Qf4+ Ke6 55.Qg4+ Kxd6 56.Qxg6+ Kc5 57.Qc2+ Kd4 58.Qf2+ Kc3 Discovered Attack 59.Qxb6∓]
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C61
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2712**
■ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2743**
Biel GM (7) 26.07.2004
[Ftacnik,MH]

1.e4 Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,L Ftacnik, Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik, Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik' **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.c3**
[9.f4 f5 10.Bb3 a5 11.a4 Kd7 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4 Bb6 14.Ng3 Kc7 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.g4 Bd7 17.f5 Qh4 18.Bf4 h5 19.Bg3 Qg5 20.Qf3 Rae8 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 hxg4 23.Raf1 Rhf8 24.Rxg4 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Bxf5 26.Rxg7+ 1-0 Syrigos,N-Tsihlis, G/Poros 1998/ (49)]
[9.Qh5 Be6 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Ng5 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c3 Ng6 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Be3 Bb6 16.Rac1 Rdf8 17.d4 Nf4 18.Qd1 Qf7 19.g3 Ng6 20.b4 1-0 Hagarova,Z-Jirka,J/ Trinec 1998/ (29)]
[9.a3 a5 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb3 0-0

12.Bb2 Be6 13.f4 c5 14.bxc5 Bxb3 15.cxb3 dxc5 16.a4 f5 17.Nc4 Bb8 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Qf3 fxe4 21.dxe4 b5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Qh3 Ra6 24.Ra4 Rb8 25.Rb1 1-0 Leko,P-Morozevich,A/Monaco 2004/ (53)]

9...Bb6 10.Qh5 dxc3

[10...0-0 11.Bb3 d5 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.a4±]

11.bxc3 0-0 12.d4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Bacrot has no reason to complain about the result of the opening phase. Black must play carefully in order to get a chance to equalize.' Bacrot has no reason to complain about the result of the opening phase. Black must play carefully in order to get a chance to equalize.

[12.Bb3 Be6 13.Nf3 h6 14.Re1±]

12...Be6

[12...Ba5 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bb3±]

13.Nf3 f6 14.Bb3 Qd7

[14...d5 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Ba3 Rae8 17.Rab1±]

15.Re1 Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4

[17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.d5±]

17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3

[18...Bc7 19.Re3 Qf7 20.Qg3 Bxb3 21.axb3 f5 22.exf5 Qxf5⇄]

19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3

[20.Qg3 Rfe8 21.f3 d5=]

20...Rfe8 21.Rae1 d5! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Morozevich has managed to everything right and his pieces occupy ideal squares. The position is truly equal.' Morozevich has managed to everything right and his pieces occupy ideal squares. The position is truly equal.

22.h3

[22.f3 f5 23.e5 Bd8=]

22...Bc7

[22...dxe4 23.Rxe4 Ba5 24.Qg4 Bxc3 25.R1e3 h5 26.Qf5 Bd2 27.Rxe6 Bxe3 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.fxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Kh2 Qxb3 31.Bd6±]

23.Qg4

[23.f3 f5=]

23...h5!? 24.Qf3

[24.Qxh5 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 dxe4=]

24...dxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxe4 Kf7 28.Qe2

[28.Qh7 Qd5 29.Qc2 Kg8=]

28...g6 29.c4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Bacrot has a heart of a fighter and thus he tries to create problems for his opponent- even at a cost of certain risk.' Bacrot has a heart of a fighter and thus he tries to create problems for his opponent- even at a cost of certain risk. **29...Bb6**

[29...Qxd4? 30.Qe7+ Kg8 31.Qf8+ Kh7 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qxc7 Qa1+ 34.Kh2 Qxa3 35.Qc8+ Kg7 36.Qxb7+ Kh6 37.Qxc6 Qxb3 38.Qxf6 Qxc4 39.Qf8+ Kh7 40.Qe7+ Kh6 41.Qxa7±]

30.d5 cxd5 31.cxd5 Qe8

[31...Qxd5 32.Qe7+ Kg8 33.Qxf6 Qf7=]

32.Qd1

[32.Qxe8+ Kxe8 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 a5=]

[32.Kf1 Qxe2+ 33.Kxe2 a5 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 Ba7 36.f4 b5=]

32...Qe5 33.d6? Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The pawn on d6 will become weak and many endgames are suddenly lost for white.' The pawn on d6 will become weak and many endgames are suddenly lost for white.

[33.Qd2 Qd4 34.Qxd4 Bxd4 35.Kf1 a5=]

33...Ke8! 34.Bb4

[34.d7+? Kd8 35.Bb4 Qf5∓]
34...a5 35.Ba3 Kd7 36.Qf3
[36.Qf1 h4∓]
[36.Kf1 Bc5∓]
36...Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Qxa3 38.Qxb7+ Ke6 39.Qe7+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'White can not grab the sacrificed piece back, since the pawn endgame is hopeless.' White can not grab the sacrificed piece back, since the pawn endgame is hopeless.
[39.Qxb6? Qxd6+ 40.Qxd6+ Kxd6 41.f4 Kc5-+]
39...Kd5 40.Qb7+ Ke6 41.Qe7+ Kf5 42.g4+
[42.Qd7+ Kg5 43.Qb5+ Qc5-+]
42...hxg4 43.hxg4+ Kg5 44.f4+
[44.Qe6 Qb2 45.Kh3 Qxf2-+]
44...Kxg4 45.Qe6+ Kf3
[45...Kf3 46.Qd5+ *(46.Qh3+ Kxf4 47.Qf1+ Ke4 48.Qc4+ Bd4 49.Qe2+ Kf4 50.Qd2+ Ke5 51.d7 Qd6-+)* 46...Kxf4 47.Qc4+ Ke5 48.d7 Qd6-+]
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C61

□ **Logan,Tobin** **2722**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2716**
Magyarorszag 124/(191) (9) 11.09.2002
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
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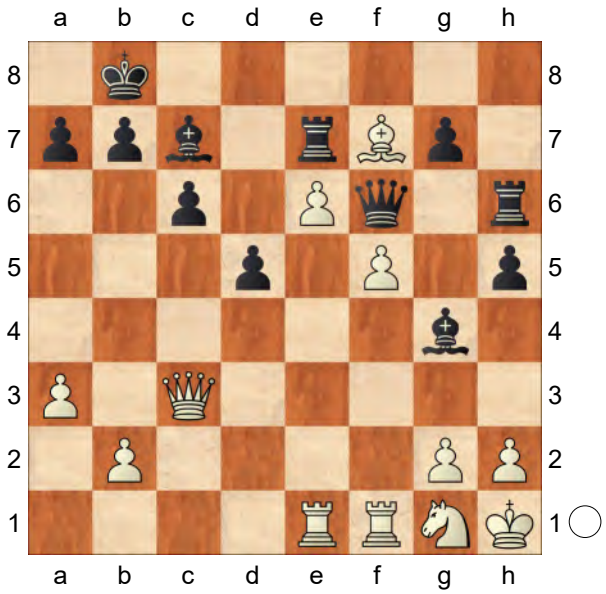
''' 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 1.27/20
[5...c6± 0.67/20]
[5...Bc5 6.d3 *(6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4* Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0 *)* 6...c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]
6.c3N 0.85/21
[⩲6.d3 1.27/20 Bc5 *(6...c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.f4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 Qa6 17.Qe1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qc6 19.g4 a5 20.a4 Ng6 21.Qf1* Mortimer,J-Bird,H British CA Congress-02 Masters 1886 (10) 0-1 *Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5 Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8* Taowal,P-4.Qxd4 side lines 6.♗c4 ♕e7 1994 (10) 0-1 *)* 7.Bf4 g5 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.Bxg5 Qg6 15.Bxe7+ Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 21.Ne4 Prokofiev,S-4.Qxd4 side lines 9. ... ♕d4+: 1994 1-0]
6...Bc5 7.cxd4 0.61/21
[7.Ba4± 1.12/22]
7...Bxd4± 8.Nc3 White is slightly better.
8...c6 Hoping for ...Bxc3! **9.Bc4! Nf6**

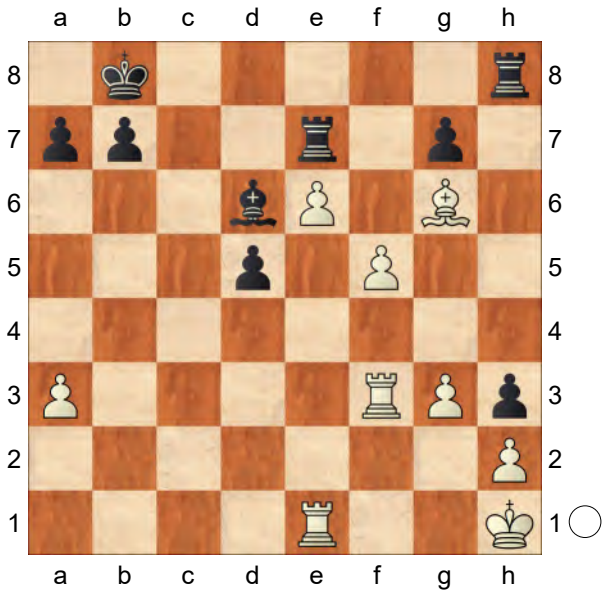
...Ng4 would now be deadly. **10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5↑** White has the initiative.
11...d5 12.Bb3 0.21/22
[12.exf6± 0.68/22 dxc4 13.fxg7]
12...Ng8 0.84/22
[12...Ng4!= 0.21/22 13.d4 Bd7]
13.d4± Bg4 14.f3 0.57/23
[White should try 14.a4± 0.96/21]
14...Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 -0.10/15
[White should play 17.Qd2± 1.08/19]
17...Qxe7= 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 ...Bxe2 is the strong threat.
21.Ng1 -0.62/21
[21.Rae1!= -0.11/20]
21...f6 22.Rae1 fxe5 23.dxe5 Qc5 0.19/22
[23...c5!∓ -0.64/21]
24.a3 Qd4
[24...Qe7 simplifies 25.f5 c5 26.Nf3 Bxf3 27.Rxf3 Bc7]
25.Qc1
[25.Qxd4 simplifies Bxd4 26.h3 Bxb2 27.f5]
25...Rde8 0.62/22
[25...Qc4!= 0.04/17]
26.Bg6 0.00/22
[Better is 26.h3± 0.62/22]
26...Re6! 27.Bf7 Re7 28.e6 -0.65/22
[28.Bg6!= -0.12/21]
28...Qf6 -0.03/22
[28...Bf5!∓ -0.65/22 29.Re5 Qd3]
29.f5! Bc7
[29...Bxf5? 30.Qf4+ Bc7 31.Qxf5+-]
30.Qc3 Rh6 1.20/20
[30...Bxf5? 31.Qxf6 gxf6 32.Rxf5+-]
[30...h4!∓ -0.54/23 stays ahead.]

(Diagram)

31.Bg6 0.00/24 White is more active.
[31.Qxf6!± 1.20/20 Rxf6 32.Bg6]

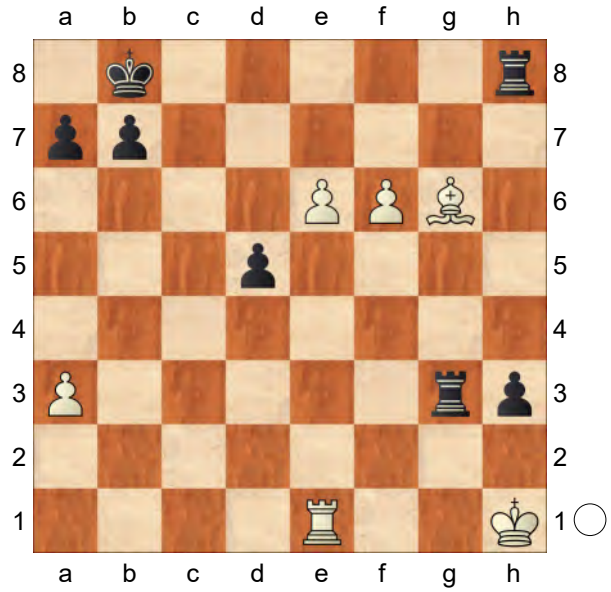


31...Qxc3 32.bxc3 h4 33.c4 h3 (-> ...hxg2+) **34.g3**
[34.Nxh3 Bxh3 35.gxh3 dxc4 *(35...Rxh3 36.cxd5 Rxh2+ 37.Kg1∓)*]
34...Bd6 35.cxd5 cxd5 36.Nf3 Bxf3+ 1.40/24
[36...Rxg6= 0.21/22 37.fxg6 Bf5]
37.Rxf3± aiming for g4. **37...Rh8** 2.69/23
[37...Rc7± 1.33/21 was called for.]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
38.g4!+- And now g5 would win.
[38.Rd3?! Rc7±]

38...Rc7 39.g5 Rc2 40.Rg3
[40.e7 Rxh2+ *(40...Bxe7? 41.f6+-)* 41.Kg1 Bxe7 42.Kxh2 Bxg5 43.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 44.Kxh3 Bf6+-]
40...Bxg3? 4.29/19
[40...Rf2 2.67/20 41.e7 Kc7 42.Rc3+ *(42.e8R Rxe8 43.Rc3+ Kb6+-)* 42...Kb6]
41.hxg3 Endgame. KRR-KRB. White is clearly winning. **41...Rc3** 7.69/20
[⌓41...Rf2 4.29/19 42.e7 Kc7]
42.f6 gxf6 43.gxf6 Rxg3



44.e7! Threatens to win with f7!
44...Rxg6
[44...Rf3 45.f7]
45.f7
[45.e8B? perishes. Rxf6 46.Bb5 Rf3-+]
45...Rgg8 46.e8Q+ Rxe8 47.Rxe8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.40.
Mistake: White=8
Black=9
Inaccurate: ---
Black=3
OK: White=17
Black=12
Best: White=2
Black=1
Strong: White=2
Black=1
1-0

C61
□ **Leko,Peter** **2722**
■ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2716**
RUS-The World rapid (9) 11.09.2002
[Nigel Davies,MH]

Nigel Davies: 'Given Morozevich's opening predilections, one can hardly be surprised to see him take a fancy to the Bird. What is more surprising his choice of the highly provocative 5...h5...'
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
ChessBase II: 'Mon Hokmome: 'C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
" ChessBase II: 'Mon Hokmome: 'Schallopp,Emil: '003 Spanische Partie
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'" 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 1.18/23
Nigel Davies: '!?' Nigel Davies: 'But this is provocative even by Morozevich's standards. Bird himself used to play this way, the idea being that the pawn can be used as a support for a Black piece on g4, and meanwhile he's stopping Qd1-h5. In recent times it has been used extensively by Evgeny Najer.'
[Black's more 'reasonable' moves include 5...Bc5 6.d3 *(6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4* Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10. f4 (2321) Yugoslavia-50 jubilee 8185 1981 1-0 *)* 6...c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5

cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]

[5...c6]

[5...Ne7]

[and even 5...g6 .]

[5...Bc5± 0.65/25]

6.c3N 0.77/21

[A major alternative is 6.d3 Bc5 , for example *(6...c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.f4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 Qa6 17.Qe1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qc6 19.g4 a5 20.a4 Ng6 21.Qf1* Mortimer,J-Bird,H British CA Congress-02 Masters 1886 (10) 0-1 *Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5 Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8* Taowal,P-4.Qxd4 side lines 6.♗c4 ♕e7 1994 (10) 0-1 *)*

A) 7.f4 0.19/19 7.Ba4 1.46 c6 8.Ba4 Nf6 9.h3 -0.20/21 *(9.Nd2± 0.51/21)* 9...a5 0.74/25 *(9...d5= -0.20/21)* 10.a3 0.34/24 *(10.c4± 0.74/25)* 10...d5± 11.e5 Ng8

A1) 12.b4!± 0.53/21 keeps the upper hand. Bb6 *(12...Ba7 13.b5)* 13.Nd2;

A2) 12.c3? -1.16/16 12...Ne7 -0.69/16 *(12...b5∓ -1.16/16 13.Bc2 Nh6)* 13.cxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Kh2 Nf5 -0.46/20 gave Black an excellent game in Karjakin - Najer, Russia 2003. *(14...f6!∓ -1.11/22 15.exf6 Bxf6)*;

B) 7.e5 a6 1.28/23 *(⌓7...Kf8 0.90/22)* 8.Bc4 Hoping for Qf3. d5 9.exd6! cxd6 10.Re1+ Kf8 11.Qf3 Qf6 12.Qe4 Qe7! 13.Kf1 Threatens to win with Nd2. Qxe4 14.dxe4 Nf6 0.63/22 was OK for Black in Yagupov - Najer, Moscow 1992 *(14...Ne7= 0.21/24)*;

C) 7.Bf4 g5 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.Bxg5 Qg6 15.Bxe7+ Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 21.Ne4 Rg7 Prokofiev,S-4. Qxd4 side lines 9. ... ♕d4+: 1994 1-0;

D) 7.Nd2 c6 8.Bc4 1.04/20 *(⌓8.Ba4!* 1.49/21 *)* 8...d5± 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb3 Bg4 1.56/16 *(⌓10...Ne7* 0.89/20 *)* 11.f3? -0.19/17 *(11.Nf3!±* 1.56/16 *)* 11...Be6= 12.Re1 Ne7 13.Nf1 -1.03/20 *(13.f4∓* -0.31/21 *)* 13...Nf5 -0.12/20 gave Black excellent counterplay in Mason - Bird, London 1887 *(13...Qd7∓* -1.03/20 *)*]

[⌓6.d3 1.18/23]

6...Bc5 Nigel Davies: 'This simple developing move is an essential part of Black's game plan. Had Black not played 5...h5, White might have been able to hit it with Qd1-h5.' **7.cxd4** 0.55/21

[After 7.b4 Bb6 8.Bb2 0.27/19 the game Gunsberg - Blackburne, London 1904 continued *(8.d3± 0.89/18)* 8...Qg5 0.73/21 *(8...c6= 0.27/19* feels stronger. *9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5)* 9.Be2 0.23/20 *(9.Ba4±* 0.73/21 *)* 9...Nf6 10.d3! d5 11.Nd2 -0.21/20 *(11.cxd4±* 0.85/19 *h4 12.Bf3)* 11...dxe4 *(11...Bh3!? 12.Bf3□ h4-+)* 12.Nxe4 Nxe4

13.dxe4 dxc3 14.Bxc3 Bh3 15.Bf3 c6 Repels Qd5 16.Qd6 Bg4 17.Qg3 0-0-0 with good play for Black.]
[7.d3± 1.12/22]

7...Bxd4± 8.Nc3 White is slightly better.

8...c6 aiming for ...Bxc3! **9.Bc4**
[In the game Stocek - Najer, Bratislava 1993 White played 9.Ba4 after which d6 0.78/20 *(9...Nf6=* 0.27/22 *)* 10.Ne2 0.28/22 *(10.d3±* 0.78/20 *)* 10...Bg4= 11.Kh1 f3 is the strong threat. Bxe2! 12.Qxe2 Nf6 13.d3 *(13.h3!?)* 13...Ng4 gave Black counterplay.]

9...Nf6! 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 0.95/22
[Better is 11...Nd5± 0.44/22]

12.Bb3 0.05/23
[12.exf6± 0.95/22 dxc4 13.fxg7]

12...Ng8 0.81/20
[In his annotations of this game John Watson liked 12...Nh7 0.91/21 12...Ng4 0.34 , and I agree that it looks fine for Black. I agree with his assessment that after 13.d4 h4 14.h3 Bf5 Black has very reasonable chances. Having said that the text doesn't look too bad either.]
[12...Ng4!= 0.05/23 13.d4 Bd7]

13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 0.53/22
[14.Re1± 0.90/19]

14...Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 Nigel Davies: 'The knight performs the critical job of blockading f5, so White hastens to remove it.' **16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7** -0.08/21
[White should play 17.Qd2± 0.98/19]

17...Qxe7= 18.Qd2 0-0-0 Nigel Davies: 'Black has a good game here. His king is safe on the queenside and he has a useful pair of bishops.' **19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 21.Ng1** -0.68/19
[21.Rae1!= -0.20/19 should be considered.]

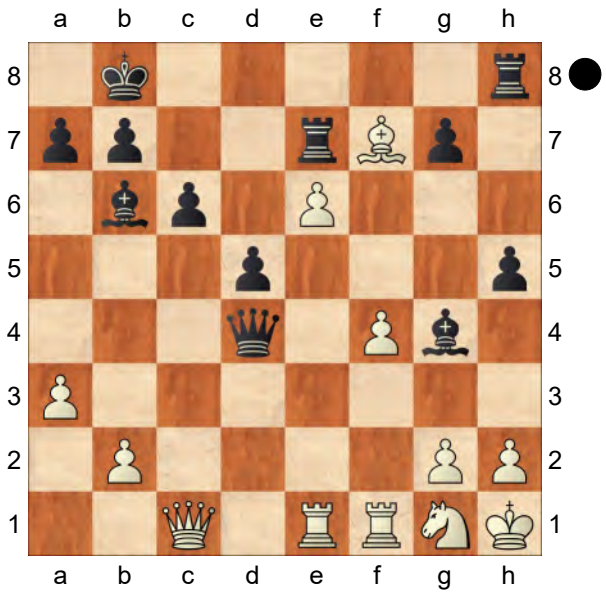
21...f6 22.Rae1 fxe5 23.dxe5 Qc5 0.02/24
[23...c5∓ -0.40/21]

24.a3 Qd4
[Black has other good moves here, such as 24...h4 0.41/21 24...Qd4 0.00 . The exchange of queens would be very reasonable for Black at the moment, but in the game the preconditions for this exchange improve in White's favour.]

25.Qc1 Rde8 0.45/22
[25...Qc4= 0.02/21]

26.Bg6 0.00/23
[26.h3± 0.45/22]

26...Re6! 27.Bf7 Re7 28.e6 -0.79/23
[28.Bg6!= 0.00/23 remains equal.]



28...Qf6 -0.36/19
[28...Bf5!∓ -0.79/23 29.Re5 Qd3]

29.f5!∓ Bc7
[29...Bxf5? 30.Qf4+ Bc7 31.Qxf5+-]

30.Qc3 Rh6 1.04/22 Nigel Davies: 'In the endgame White's e6 pawn proves to be a tower of strength.'
[I think Black should avoid the exchange of queens, say with 30...d4 0.14/19 30...h4 -0.26 .]

[30...Bxf5? 31.Qxf6 gxf6 32.Rxf5+-]
[30...h4= -0.17/23 keeps the balance.]

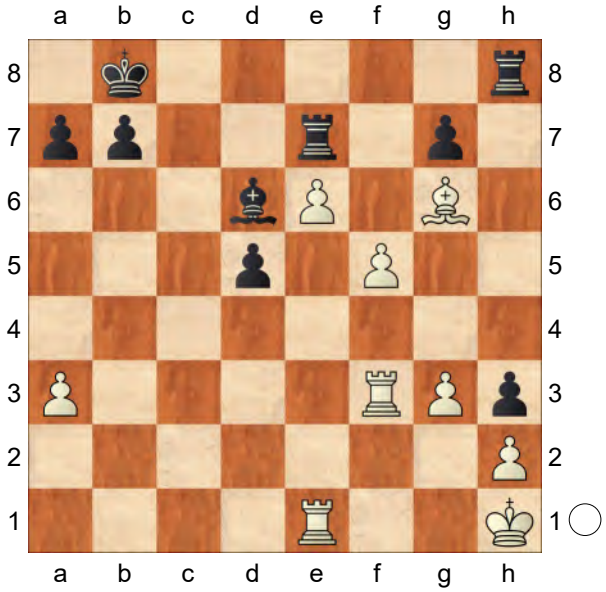
31.Bg6 0.00/24 White is more active.
[White should try 31.Qxf6± 1.04/22 Rxf6 32.Bg6]

31...Qxc3= 32.bxc3 h4 33.c4! h3 (-> ...hxg2+) **34.g3**
[34.Nxh3 Bxh3 35.gxh3 dxc4 *(35...Rxh3 36.cxd5 Rxh2+ 37.Kg1∓)*]

34...Bd6 35.cxd5 cxd5 36.Nf3 Bxf3+ 1.22/22 Nigel Davies: '?!'
[Black's last chance was to sacrifice the exchange with 36...Rxg6! 37.fxg6 Nd4 would now be deadly. Rxe6 0.84/22 after which *(37...Bf5=* 0.19/23) 38.Rxe6± Bxe6 39.Nd4 Dodges Bf5 Bg4 40.Nf5! Be5 isn't easy for White because of the powerful bishops. After the text it's rather hopeless.]
[36...Rxg6!= 0.24/23 37.fxg6 Bf5]

37.Rxf3± Black must now prevent g4.

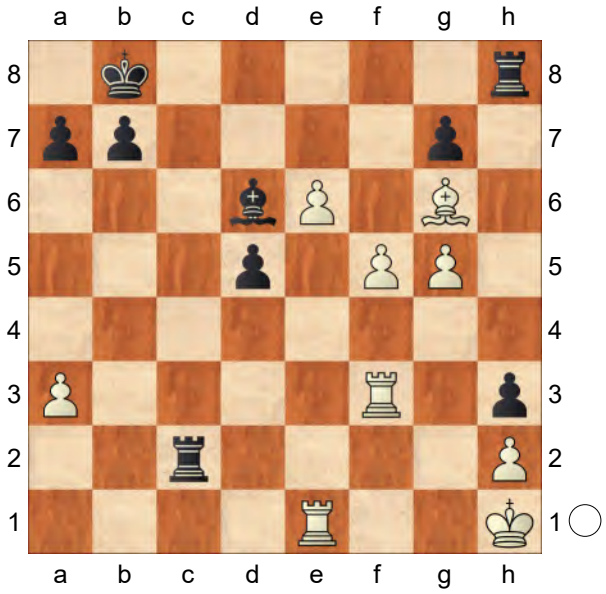
37...Rh8? 2.70/22
[37...Rc7± 1.02/19]



This move loses the game for Black.

38.g4!+- Nigel Davies: 'Forward patrol!'
[38.Rd3 Rc7 39.a4 *(39.Rxd5 Bxa3 40.Kg1 a5±)* 39...Rc5±]

38...Rc7 39.g5 Rc2



40.Rg3! Nigel Davies: '!' Nigel Davies: 'A nice way o stop Black's counterplay whilst preparing the further advance of his pawns. After Black takes the rook there's no stopping them.'. Promotion

40...Bxg3
[40...Rf2 41.e7]

41.hxg3 Endgame. KRR-KRB Natürlich gewinnen die Freibauern leicht, doch das Bild mit den zwei Freibauern auf der 7.Reihe ist doch ein Genuss.

41...Rc3? 7.67/22
[41...Rf2 3.68/17 42.e7 Kc7]

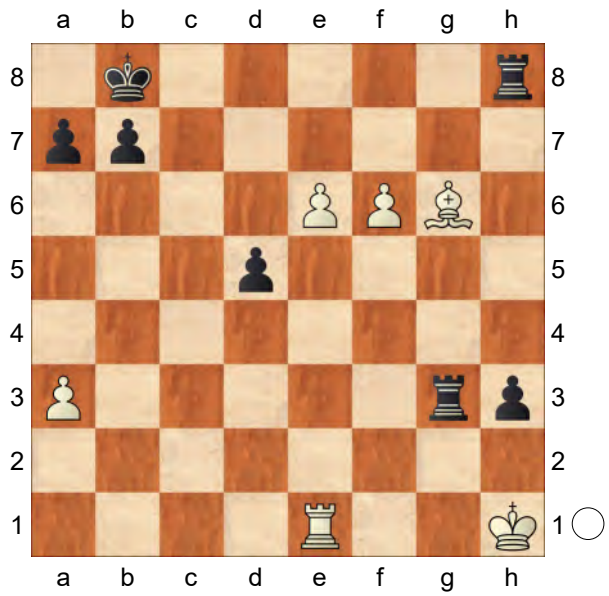
42.f6 White is clearly winning. **42...gxf6 43.gxf6 Rxg3**

(Diagram)

44.e7! And now f7! would win. **44...Rxg6**
[44...Rf3 45.f7]

45.f7
[45.e8B? is the wrong capture. Rxf6 46.Bd7 h2-+]

45...Rgg8 46.e8Q+ Rxe8 47.Rxe8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.35.



Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=8
Black=8
Inaccurate: ---
Black=4
OK: White=10
Black=16
Best: White=2
Black=1
Strong: White=3
Black=1
[47.fxe8B Rf8±]
1-0

C61
□ **Jenni,Florian** **2471**
■ **Spassky,Boris Vasilievich** **2551**
Zuerich Kortschnoj-B (2) 28.04.2001
[Wedberg]

1.e4 Wedberg,Tom Wedberg,T **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 g6** Wedberg,T: 'A perfectly playable side line.' Wedberg,Tom: 'A perfectly playable side line.' A perfectly playable side line.
[5...Bc5 Wedberg,T: 'is the main line. ' is the main line.]
6.d3
[6.f4 Bg7 7.f5 c6 *(7...gxf5 8.Qf3 Qh4 9.Qxf5±* Matulovic,M-Barcza,G/ Sochi 1966 (15)*; 7...Be5 8.Qf3 g5 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 c6 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.Qe2 g4 13.c3 Qc7⇄* 1-0 Johansson,M-Fallone,M/La Habana 1966/EXT 99/[Bulletin] (35) Wedberg,T: '1-0 Johansson, M-Fallone,M/La Habana 1966/EXT 99/ [Bulletin] (35)' *)* 8.Ba4 Be5 9.Qf3 Nf6 10.d3 d6 11.Bf4 gxf5 12.Nd2↑ ½-½ Tzoumbas,A-Kofidis,A/Komotini 1993/TD (46) Wedberg,T: '1/2-1/2 Tzoumbas,A-Kofidis,A/Komotini 1993/ TD (46)' Wedberg,Tom: '½-½ Tzoumbas,A-Kofidis,A/Komotini 1993/ TD (46)']
6...Bg7 7.f4
[7.Nd2 Ne7 8.f4 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Nf3 c5 12.e5 b5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.d4 Qb6 18.Rb1± 1-0 Capablanca,J-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/HCL (31)]
7...c6 8.Ba4
[8.Bc4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Nd2?? Wedberg,T: 'Quite a famous mistake.' Quite a famous mistake. Qa5! 12.a4 a6-+ ½-½ Alekhine,A-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/HCL (45) Wedberg, T: '1/2-1/2 Alekhine,A-Blackburne,J/ St Petersburg 1914/HCL (45)' Wedberg,Tom: '½-½ Alekhine,A-Blackburne,J/St Petersburg 1914/HCL (45)']
8...d5
[8...Ne7 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 Bf6 11.Qh5 d5 12.Bh6 Qd6 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.Rae1 0-0-0 15.a3 Ng8 16.Bf4

Qf8 17.Nf3± 1-0 Pietzsch,W-Elstner, R/Soemmerda 1950/EXT 2000 (36) Wedberg,T: '1-0 Pietzsch,W-Elstner,R/ Soemmerda 1950/EXT 2000 (36)']

9.exd5N

[9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 h5 11.c4 *(11.Nd2)* 11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Nh6∞ 0-1 Martin del Campo,R-Moreno,A/ Cienfuegos 1997/CBM 58 ext (38) Wedberg,T: '0-1 Martin del Campo,R-Moreno,A/Cienfuegos 1997/CBM 58 ext (38)']

9...Qxd5 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Bb3 Qd8 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Ne4 Bg7 15.f5!? Wedberg,T: 'White plays this phase of the game very energetically. Removing the f4-P opens up both the diagonal c1-g5 and the f-file.' Wedberg, Tom: 'White plays this phase of the game very energetically. Removing the f4-♙ opens up both the diagonal c1-g5 and the f-file.' White plays this phase of the game very energetically. Removing the f4-♙ opens up both the diagonal c1-g5 and the f-file. **15...Nd5**

[15...Nxf5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Nf6+ Bxf6 *(17...Kh8 18.Ne8)* 18.Bxf6→]

[15...Bxf5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Nd6 *(17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Bh4 Ng8)* 17...hxg5 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Qxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxe7±]

16.f6?! Wedberg,T: 'Correct or not, White keeps the initiative.' Wedberg, Tom: 'Correct or not, White keeps the initiative.' Correct or not, White keeps the initiative.

[⌓16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Ng3]

[16.Bg5!?]

16...Nxf6 17.Bg5 Bf5! Wedberg,T: 'Spassky finds the best defence.' Spassky finds the best defence. **18.Ng3 Bd7**

[18...Qd7 19.Qf1 h6 20.Bh4 Rae8 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.h3⩱]

19.Rf1 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4 Be7? Wedberg,T: 'Now White gets a free throw.' Now White gets a free throw.

[⌓21...Be5 22.Rae1 *(22.Nc5 Qe7∓; 22.Rxf7? Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8 24.Qf3 Qe7-+)* 22...Qc7 23.Qf2 Bf5∓]

22.Rxf7! Rxf7 23.Rf1 Be8

[23...Bf5 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.g4→]

24.Qf2 Kg7 25.Bxf7 c5 26.Qf4

[26.Bxe8! Qxe8 27.Qf4 Bf8 *(27...b6 28.Qe5+ Kh7 29.Rf6+-)* 28.Qc7+ Qe7 29.Nxc5 Qxc7 30.Ne6+ Kg8 31.Nxc7 Rc8 32.Ne6±]

26...Qb8 27.Qf3 Qd8 28.Ng3

[28.Bxe8!±]

28...Rb8 29.Bxe8 Qxe8 30.Re1 Qf7?

[⌓30...Qf8]

31.Qe4?=

[31.Nf5+ gxf5 32.Qg3++-]

31...Bd6 32.Rf1 Qe7 33.a4 Re8 34.Qxe7+ Bxe7 35.Ne4 b6 36.b3 ½-½

C61

□ **Fressinet,Laurent 2455**

■ **Plaskett,H James 2455**

Hastings 9899 (7) 05.01.1999

[Ftacnik,Lubomir, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6

[7...Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440)

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8.f4

[8.Nd2 Ne7 1.16/16 *(8...a5± 0.67/22; 8...Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3* L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008 *)* 9.c3 0.62/16 *(9.Bb3± 1.16/16)* 9...Bb6 10.Qh5 0.57/19 *(10.Kh1!± 1.04/19)* 10...dxc3± 11.bxc3 0-0 12.d4 Be6 13.Nf3 f6 Wards off Ng5 14.Bb3 Qd7 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4 -0.08/26 *(17.Nd2± 0.50/16)* 17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3 19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3 Rfe8 next ...d5 is good for Black. 21.Rae1 d5]

8...f5

[8...Nf6 9.f5! h6 1.08/16 Inhibits Bg5. *(9...a5!± 0.41/15)* 10.Bf4± Bd7 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.Rae1 Rde8 14.Bg3 1.11/18 *(14.Bb3+- 1.86/17)* 14...Bb4 2.55/19 *(14...h5± 1.11/18)* 15.Rf2 1.02/18 *(15.Nc4+- 2.55/19* is more deadly. *)* 15...g5 16.a3 0.38/20 *(16.c3!± 1.00/16 dxc3 17.bxc3)* 16...Bxd2 17.Rxd2]

9.Bb3N

[9.Nd2 Nf6 10.Bb3 Ng4 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Re1+ Kd7 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.h3 h5 15.Ng5 Ne3 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.dxe4 g5 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.f5 g4 21.Be6+ Kc7 22.Qg3 Qxb2 23.Kh1 Qxc2 11.♗e3 ♖g8 (2405)-Moudallal,T (2430) Lloyds Bank op 1979 0-1]

9...Ne7 1.44/15

[9...fxe4± 0.64/17 10.dxe4 Qe7]

10.Nd2± White is clearly better.

[10.Re1 0.61/18 10.Nd2 1.48 fxe4 11.dxe4 Ng6 12.g3 0.31/19 Inhibits Qh4. *(12.Qh5± 0.80/18* aiming for f5. *Kd7 13.Nd2)* 12...h5 13.Qd3 e5 is the strong threat. Bg4? 1.88/22 *(13...Qd7± 0.35/20)* 14.Nd2 1.04/21 *(14.e5!+- 1.88/22 Ne7 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Nd2)* 14...Ne7 1.74/20 *(14...Nf8± 1.04/21)* 15.Nf3 1.27/20 *(15.Kg2+- 1.74/20)* 15...Bxf3± 16.Qxf3 Qa5 17.Rd1 0-0-0 18.Be6+ Kb8 19.Kh1 d5 20.e5 Rdf8 21.a3 0.66/17 *(*Better is *21.Bd2± 1.55/25 Qa4 22.Qd3)* 21...Qc7± 22.Qd3 0.18/19 *(22.b4± 0.70/21 Bb6 23.Qd3)* 22...h4]

10...Kd7

[10...d5 11.e5 0.59/20 *(11.exd5!; 11.exd5!±* 1.46/20 *Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.Re1+ Be7 14.Qe2)* 11...Be6 0.95/21 *(11...Ng6±* 0.59/20 *)* 12.Nf3 Qd7]

[10...a5 Threatens to win with ...a4. 11.a4 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Qh5+ g6 1-0 Frolov,A-Finegold,B/Groningen/ 1993/ (41) 14.Qh6 Be6+- 15.Nf3 Qd6⟶ 2.31/22 *(15...Kd7±* 1.53/16 *16.Re1 Qg8)* 16.Re1!? Rf8 2.53/21 *(⌓16...Bb4* 1.80/19 *)* 17.Bd2 Bg8 18.Re2]

11.Kh1

[11.Nf3 Kc7 12.Kh1 h6 1.83/16 *(12...a5±* 1.44/20 was worth a try. *)* 13.c3+- dxc3 14.bxc3 g5 2.69/17 *(14...fxe4* 1.82/15 might work better. *15.dxe4 b6)* 15.e5+- ½-½ Grinberg,R-Emma,J/Buenos Aires 1978/ (25) Ng6 16.d4 Bb6 17.a4 Kb8 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Ne5]

11...Kc7 12.c3 Ng6 13.cxd4

[13.Nf3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Hoping for d4. fxe4 15.dxe4 Bg4]

13...Bxd4 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.Bd2 fxe4 16.dxe4 Bg4 17.Qc2 Bxf3

[17...Qe7 2.29/16 17...Bxf3 1.48 18.Ng5]

18.Rxf3

[18.gxf3?! Re8±]

18...Qe7 19.Rd1 Rad8 Black is correctly striving to open up the position for his bishops pair.

[19...Bc5 2.08/16 19...Rae8 1.50 20.Ba5+]

20.Rg3 Rde8 2.07/21 Black is weak on the light squares

[20...Rd7 2.92/15 20...Bf2 1.48 21.f5! Ne5 22.Be6]

[20...Bf2± 1.50/20]

21.Bb4 Bc5

[21...c5 1.97/21 21...Rd8 1.44 22.f5 Ne5 *(22...Qxe4?* 3.53/18 22...Ne5 2.01 *23.Bc3 c4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4* ½-½ Nunn,J-Bellin,R/Norwich/1972/(22) *25.Ba4)* 23.Bd2]

22.Bc3

[22.Bxc5 0.29/15 22.Bc3 1.67 dxc5 23.f5 -0.25/15 *(23.Qc3* 0.21/17 is more appropriate. *)* 23...Ne5= 24.Rc3 -1.27/23 *(24.Qc3*= -0.21/14 keeps the balance. *)* 24...b6]

[22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.f5 Ne5=]

22...Qxe4

[22...Kb8 23.f5 Ne5 24.Be6 Rd8 25.b4± Bb6 26.b5 1.46/17 *(26.a4!*+- 1.97/21 *)*]

23.f5

[23.Bxg7? Qe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1#]

23...Qh4

[23...Qxc2= 2.86/23 23...Qh4 1.95 24.Bxc2 Ne5 25.Rxg7+ Nd7 *(25...Kb8∞ 26.b4)* 26.f6]

[23...Qxc2? 24.Bxc2 Nf4 25.Rxg7+ Kb8 26.f6+- *(26.Rg4 Nd5±)*]

24.Bxg7 A strong pair of Bishops.

[24.Rh3 Qg4 25.fxg6= 0.00/5 *(*White should try *25.Rg3*+- 2.23/18 *Qh4 26.Rf1)* 25...Re2= 26.Rg3 Qxg3! 27.Qxe2∓ hxg6 28.h3!∞ Rxh3+ 29.gxh3= Qxh3+? 30.Qh2 Qf3+]

[24.fxg6∓ -3.18/20 24.Bxg7 1.97 Qxg3]

[24.fxg6? Qxg3 25.gxh7 Qh4-+]

24...Ne5 25.Qe2 1.20/17 Prevents Ng4.

[25.Bxh8± -#4/17 25.Rh3 1.99 Ng4! 26.Rxg4 *(26.h3 Qxg3)* 26...Re1+=]

[25.Rh3± Qf4 2.11/21 *(25...Qg5* 1.70/17 keeps fighting. *26.Bxh8 Rxh8)* 26.Bxh8? -0.56/23 *(26.Bh6!*+- 2.11/21 *Qg4 27.Rf1)* 26...Rxh8? 1.64/21 *(26...Ng4!∓* -0.56/23 keeps the upper hand. *27.Rxh7*+ *Kb8)* 27.Qd2+- Qxf5 28.Bc2!∓]

[25.Rh3+- 1.95/23 Qg5 26.Bxh8 Rxh8 27.Rf1]

25...h5 26.Bxh8 Rxh8

[26...Ng4? 6.54/21 26...Rxh8 1.14 27.Rxg4]

[Wrong is 26...Ng4? 27.Rxg4 *(27.Qxe8? Qxh2#)* 27...Qd8 28.Rg7+ Kb6 29.Rg8 *(29.Qxh5 Rxh8 30.Qg5 Qc8*+- *)* 29...Rxg8 30.Bxg8+-]

27.Rg7+ Kb6? 2.41/22

[27...Kb8± 1.15/23 was called for.]

28.Rf1! 1.39/22 Black must have missed this fine tactical move, suddenly black is facing powerful attacking threats.

[28.Be6!+- 2.41/22]

28...Ng4

[28...Qf6 29.Rg8]

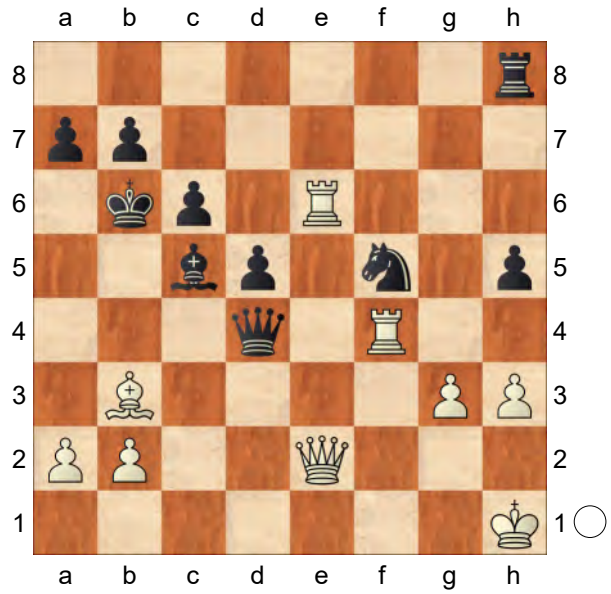
29.g3! Qf6

[29...Qh3? 3.48/22 29...Qf6 1.50 30.Rf4+-]

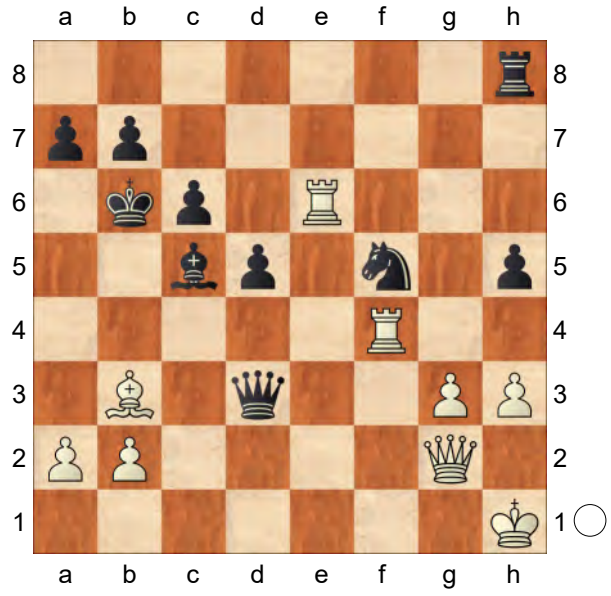
30.Qe7 -4.44/23

[30.Rg6! Qd4+- 31.h3 d5! *(31...Nf2+?* 3.37/24 31...a5 1.76 *32.Kg2 Nd3 33.Rd1; 31...Ne3* 3.12/27 31...d5 1.76 *32.Rf4*+- *Qe5 33.Re6; 31...Ne5 32.Rd1 Qb4 33.Re6)* 32.Re6! Against Re8 Ne3 33.Rf4 Nxf5+-

(Diagram)



34.Qg2! Against Qg1+ Qd3!



White must now prevent ...Rg8.
35.Bc2! Nxg3+ 36.Kh2 Qb5
37.Qxg3 *(37.b4)*]
[30.Rg6!+- 1.82/25 and all is fine.
Qd4 31.h3]

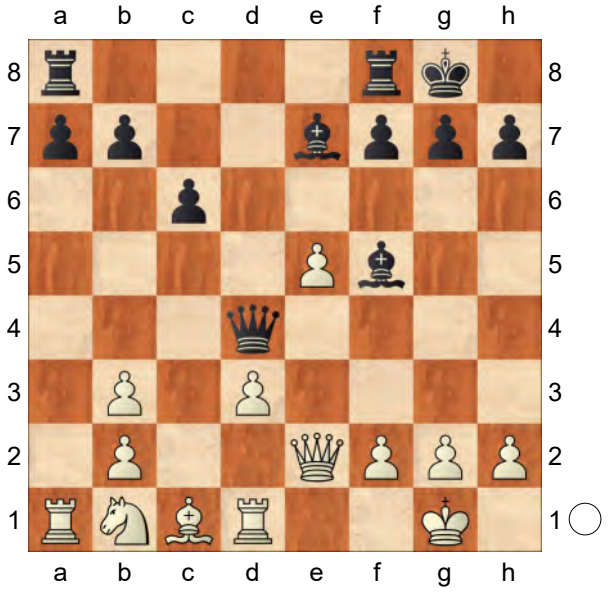
30...Qxb2-+ 31.Qc7+ -10.78/27
[31.Rxg4 hxg4 32.h4 gxh3 -2.57/18
(⌓32...Qc3 -4.54/19 *33.Kg2 Qd2+ 34.Kh1 Qd3)* 33.Qe4-+ Qf6]
[31.Qxb7+ is a self mate. Ka5
32.Qc7+ Bb6]
[⌓31.Rxg4 -4.46/22 hxg4 32.h4]

31...Kb5 32.a4+
[32.Qxb7+ Ka5+- 33.Rxg4
(33.Qc7+ Bb6) 33...hxg4+- 34.h4
Rxh4+ 35.gxh4 g3]
32...Kb4 33.Qxb7+ Bb6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/
Black=0.15 (very precise) .
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=3
Black=3
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=7
Black=7
Best: White=2
Black=2 . Loss on time!?
1-0

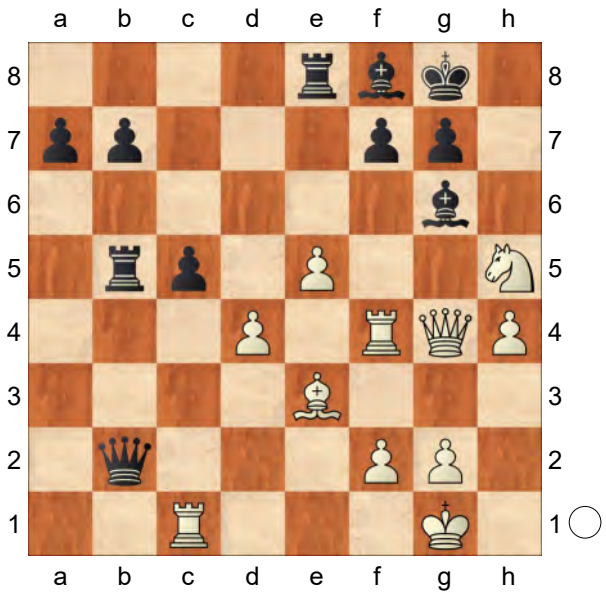
C61
□ **Benjamin,Joel** **2595**
■ **Soltis,Andrew E** **2410**
San Francisco Mechanics (8) 17.07.1998
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 46/(414)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Ba4 Nf6**
[6...Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5 Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]
[6...d6 7.d3 Nf6 8.c3 dxc3 9.Nxc3 Be7 10.d4 0-0 11.h3 b5 12.Bc2 a6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Ng3 Bf8 16.Qd2 c5 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Bb1 Qb8 21.d5 12.h4 h5 13.♗h6-Bocharov,D

Bognor 1961]
7.c3 -0.21/19
[7.d3± 0.44/18]
7...d3= 8.Qf3N
[8.e5 Ne4 9.Qf3 Nc5 10.Bd1 d6 11.b4 Ne6 12.Qxd3 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.d3 g5 15.Re1 f6 16.Nd2 Kc7 17.Ne4 Balashov,Y (2540)-Guseinov,A (2325) Klaipeda Klaipeda 46/(414) 1988]
8...d5! 9.e5 The position is equal.
9...Ne4 And now ...Qg5 would win.
10.Qxd3 Nc5 11.Qc2 d4! Black has compensation. **12.d3 Bf5 13.Rd1 Be7 14.Bb3 0-0 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.cxd4 Nxb3**
[16...Qxd4?! 17.Be3 Qh4 *(17...Qxe5? 18.d4+-; 17...Bxd3? 18.Qd2+-)* 18.g3±]
17.axb3 Qxd4



...Bg4 is the strong threat. **18.Ra4 Qd5 19.Rf4 Bg6 20.Nc3 Qxb3 21.h4** Hoping for h5. **21...h5 22.d4 Rad8 23.Be3 Rfe8** 0.04/17
[23...f6∓ -0.47/6]
24.Ne4 -0.33/20
[24.Ra1= 0.04/17]
24...Bf8 Threatens to win with ...Rxe5!
25.Rc1 Rd5 26.Ng3 -0.51/16
[White should try 26.g4= 0.24/18]
26...Rb5 0.53/19
[Black should play 26...c5!∓ -0.51/16]
27.Nxh5± Qxb2 28.Qg4 c5? 5.54/22



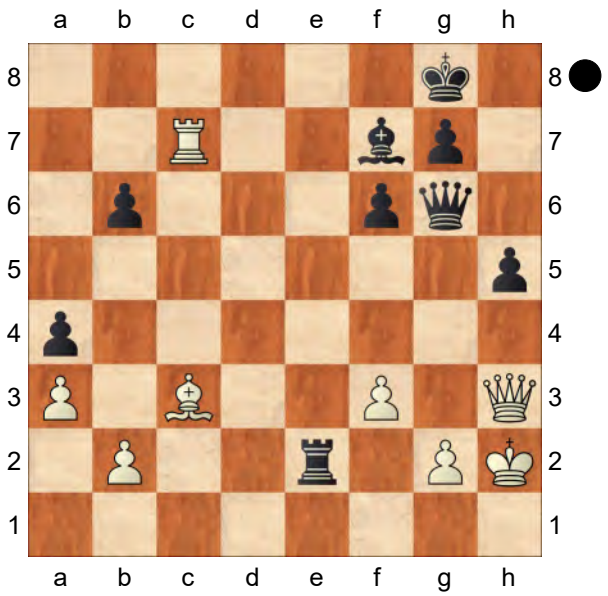
A mistake that costs the game. **29.Nxg7!** Clearance **29...Bxg7 30.h5 Rb6 31.hxg6 Rxg6 32.Qf5 Qb3 33.Rxc5**
[Stronger than 33.dxc5 Rxe5 34.Qc8+ Bf8±]
33...Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Re7 10.65/20
[34...Rh6+ 3.83/20 35.Kg3 Rg6+ 36.Rg4 Rxg4+ 37.Qxg4 Qb3]
35.Rc8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.36.
Loses game: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=2 Black=3
Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2
OK: White=13 Black=9
Best: White=2 Black=1
Strong: ---

Black=2
1-0

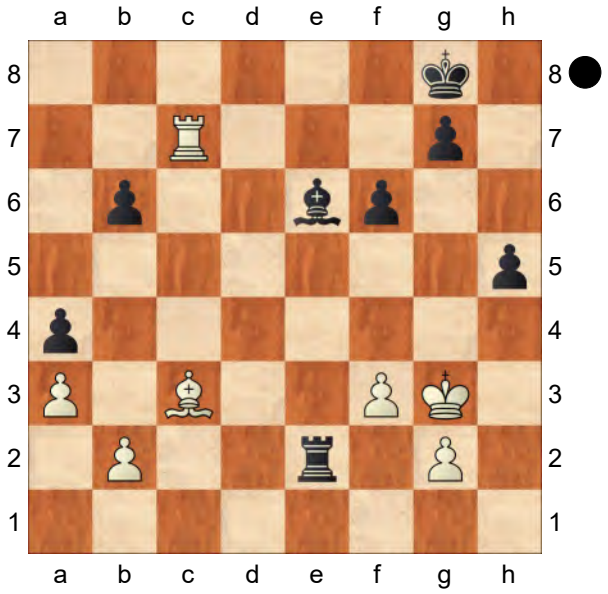
	C61
□ **Stenzel,Thomas**	**2430**
■ **Oskooei,M H**	**2480**
48/239 Palma de Mallorca (4)	1996

[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nd2 Be6 12.cxd5 The position is equal. **12...Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qh5 a5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd7 17.Qh4N a4 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.a3** White is weak on the light squares **19...f6** -0.29/21
[19...h6∓ -0.75/20 20.Bf4 Bf5]
20.Bd2= Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Wards off Rc2
21...Bf5 22.Bb4 -0.62/20
[22.Qg3= -0.26/21]
22...Rxc1+!∓ 23.Rxc1 Bxd3 24.Rc5 Qd7 -0.27/24
[24...Qe4∓ -0.63/23 25.Qxe4 Bxe4]
25.Qg3 Bg6 26.h4 b6
[26...Rc8 simplifies 27.Qd6 Rd8 28.Qxd7 Rxd7 29.f3 Kf7]
27.Rc7 Qd5 28.h5 Deflection
28...Qxh5
[And not 28...Bxh5 29.Qxg7#]
29.Qd6 Prevents Qd5. **29...Re8 30.Qd7 Bf7 31.Qxd4 Qg6 32.Qd7 h5 33.Rc8 Qb1+**
[33...Rxc8 simplifies 34.Qxc8+ Kh7 35.Qb7 Bc4]
34.Kh2 Qe4 35.Rc7 Qg6 36.Bc3 Re4 37.f3 Re2 Dancing on a razor blade.
38.Qh3 -1.48/25
[38.Qc8+∓ -0.69/28 Kh7 39.Qh3]



38...Be6!↑ Keeping White busy. Black is more active. **39.Qg3 Qxg3+ 40.Kxg3**



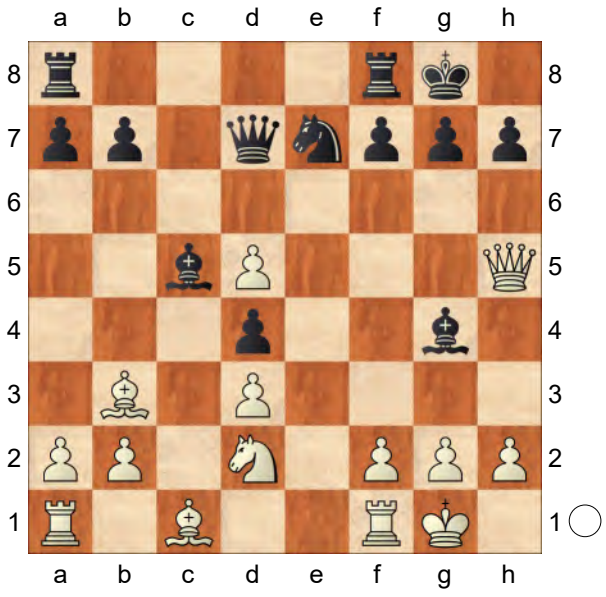
h4+! Deflection **41.Kxh4 Rxg2 42.Kh5** -#2/6
[42.f4∓ -1.37/26]
42...Rh2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.08 (flawless) .
Loses game: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=2
Black=2
Inaccurate: White=4
Black=1

OK: White=9
Black=11
Best: White=2
Black=5
Strong: ---
Black=2
Brilliant: ---
Black=1
0-1

C61

□ **Filipenko,Alexander V** **2430**
■ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2480**
Pardubice KB op (4) 1996
[Marin,Mihail, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 Marin,M **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.c4** -0.22/22
[⌓10.Ba4+ 0.19/20 Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Bf4]
10...0-0=
[Of course, there is no need to activate White's play with 10...dxc3 0.58/21 10...0-0 -0.07 11.Nxc3± Bãrbulescu,D (2445)-Pandavos,E (2410)/Naleczow 1988/EXT 97 (1-0, 33)]
11.Nd2
[More accurate than 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nd2 , which gives Black a choice. Ne3!? This more or less equalises, but is not absolutely necessary. *(12...Be6* transposes below *)* 13.fxe3 dxe3 14.Qh5 exd2+ 15.Qxc5 dxc1Q 16.Raxc1 Rxf7! is the strong threat. Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8= 19.Qe3 *(19.Qxf8+ Rxf8* 1/2 Prokopp,H-Shchebenyuk,N/EU-ch GT288 corr 1988/Corr Nr. 1 *)* 19...Qf6 20.Rf1 *(20.h3 Rf8 21.b3 a6 22.Rc7 Rf7 23.Rc8+ Rf8 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qe4 h6 26.Qxb7 Qd4+ 27.Kh1 Qa1+ 28.Kh2* Qb8+ would now be deadly. *Qe5+ 29.Kh1 Qe1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5+ 31.Kh1* 1/2 Dvoirys,S (2470)-Balashov,Y (2515)/Kiev 1986/URS-ch*)* 20...Qe7 21.Re1 Rd8 22.Qxa7 Rxd3 23.Qb8+ Rd8 24.Qe5 Prevents Qc5+. Rd6 25.a4 h6 26.b3 Rc6 27.a5 Kf7 28.Qf4+ Kg8 29.b4 Wards off Qc5+ Qd6 0.79/17 Against Rd1 *(29...Rc2=* 0.29/18 *)* 30.Qxd6± Rxd6 31.b5 0.17/24 *(31.Re4±* 0.80/25 *)* 31...Rd5!= 32.Rb1 Kf7 33.a6 bxa6 34.bxa6 *(34.b6!? Rd8□ 35.Ra1∓)* 34...Ra5 Against Ra1 35.Rb7+ 1/2 Hotting,A-Lopez Esnaola,B/EU-ch M corr 1990/Corr Nr. 1]
11...Be6 12.cxd5 The position is equal.
[12.Qh5 Qd7 13.cxd5 Bg4 0.72/19 *(13...Bxd5=* -0.22/19 keeps the balance. *14.Re1 Rad8)*



14.Qe5 -0.04/15 *(14.Qg5!±* 0.72/19 aiming for Ne4. *h6 15.Qf4)* 14...Ng6=
A) 15.Qg3 Be2! Hoping for ...Bd6! 16.Re1?! -1.55/15 *(16.Ne4!=* 0.08/18 *Bxf1 17.Kxf1)* 16...Bd6∓

17.Ba4□ Qd8 18.Qh3 Nf4 19.Qd7 -1.95/19 *(19.Qf5∓ -1.36/17* might work better. *Bxd3 20.Ne4 Ne2+ 21.Rxe2 Bxe2 22.Bd2)* 19...Qg5!↑;

B) 15.Qe1 Bb4⩲ Pedersen,C (2402)-Hirneise,T (2481)/Pardubice 2008/CBM 125 Extra (1/2, 28)]

12...Nxd5 Marin,M: 'transposes below'

13.Ne4

[13.Nf3 f6 0.41/21 Prevents Ng5 *(*Better is *13...h6*= -0.21/14 *)* 14.Bd2 Bf7 15.Rc1 Bb6 0.83/21 *(15...Qb6±* 0.34/21 feels stronger. *)* 16.Re1± Rc8 1/2 Savon,V (2440)-Malaniuk,V (2550)/ Warsaw 1992/CBM 028 ext]

13...Be7 14.Qh5 a5 15.Ng5

[15.a4 leaves the bishop undefended, allowing Nf4! 16.Bxf4 Strongly threatening Bxe6. Bxb3]

15...Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd7 17.Qh4N a4 18.Bxd5

[He should have kept the bishop pair: 18.Bd1 h6 19.Bd2 Ne7=]

18...Qxd5∓ White has nothing compared to Black's space advantage.

19.a3 White is weak on the light squares

19...f6 Black is more active. **20.Bd2 Rfc8 21.Rfc1** Prevents Rc2. **21...Bf5 22.Bb4 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Bxd3 24.Rc5 Qd7 25.Qg3 Bg6 26.h4 b6 27.Rc7 Qd5 28.h5** Deflection **28...Qxh5**

[Inferior is 28...Bxh5 29.Qxg7#]

29.Qd6 Prevents Qd5 **29...Re8 30.Qd7 Bf7 31.Qxd4 Qg6 32.Qd7 h5**

[32...h6 simplifies 33.Rc8 Kh7 34.Rxe8 Bxe8 35.Qe6 Bf7]

33.Rc8 Qb1+

[33...Kh7 simplifies 34.Rxe8 Bxe8 35.Qe6 Bf7]

34.Kh2 Qe4

[34...Rxc8 simplifies 35.Qxc8+ Kh7 36.Qd7 Kg6]

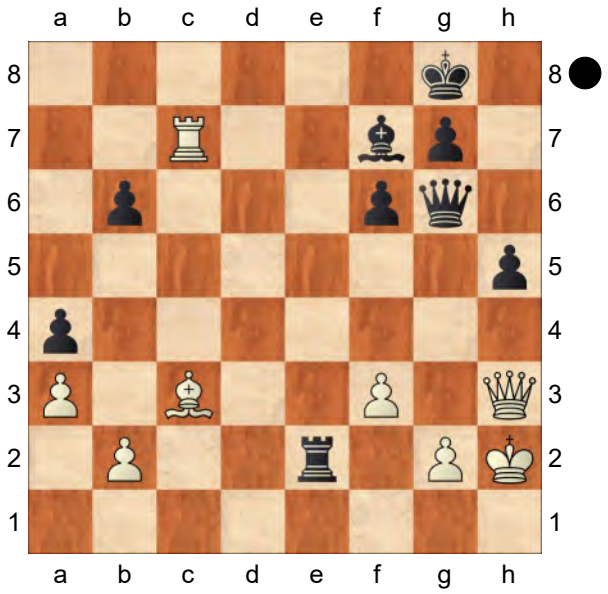
35.Rc7 Qg6 36.Bc3

[36.Rc8 simplifies Kh7 37.Rxe8 Bxe8 38.Qd5]

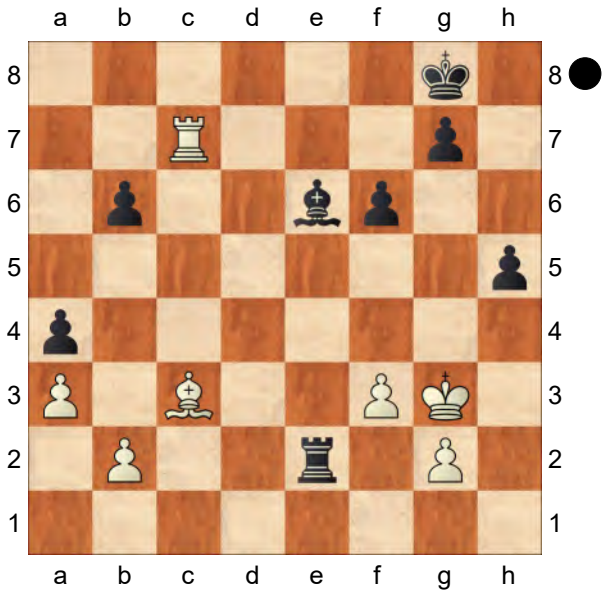
36...Re4 Threatens to win with ...Rh4+.

37.f3 Re2 The board is on fire. **38.Qh3** -1.87/23

[38.Qc8+∓ -0.40/27 Kh7 39.Qh3]



This costs White the game. **38...Be6!↑** White is under strong pressure. **39.Qg3 Qxg3+ 40.Kxg3**

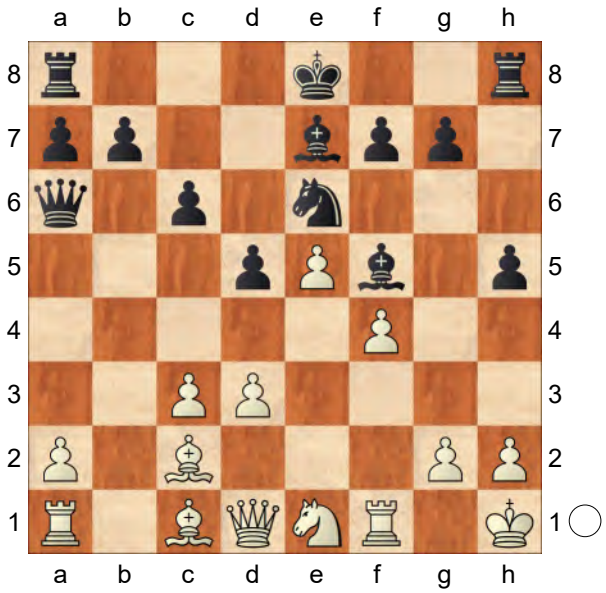


h4+! Deflection **41.Kxh4 Rxg2 42.Kh5** -#2/15

[42.f4-+ -1.69/18]
42...Rh2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/
Black=0.03 (flawless) .
Mistake: White=2 ---
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=1
OK: White=13
Black=16
Best: White=3
Black=2
Strong: ---
Black=1
Brilliant: ---
Black=1
0-1

C61
□ **Levitina,Irina S** **2415**
■ **Chiburdanidze,Maia** **2505**
Candidates (Women) (14) 1992
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 47/(399)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.e5** 0.02/20
[6.0-0± 0.48/19 feels stronger. Nxe4 7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bd3 Kf8 10.Qd5 Bf6 11.b3 g6 12.Ba3 Kg7 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Nc4 Re6 16.f4 a5 17.f5 gxf5 18.Nxd6 Kf8 19.Bxf5 Ra6 20.Nc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 4.a3Ba6/ 10.Be2 (2622)-Luba,L (2398) 72/(461) Bratislava 1998 (4.1) 1-0]
[6.Qe2 Bc5 7.e5 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5 b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qe2 Short,N (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Linares 47/(399) 1989]
6...d5= 7.Bb3 -0.38/19
[7.Be2= 0.02/20 might be stronger. Nd7 8.f4]
7...Ne4N
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Ne4 9.0-0 d3 10.fxg4 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Ng3+ 12.hxg3 Qg5 13.Rf5 h5 14.gxh5 Qxf5 15.g4 Rxh5+ 16.gxh5 Qe4 17.Qf3 Qh4+ 18.Qh3 Qe1+ 19.Kh2 Bg1+ 20.Kh1 Bf2+ 21.Kh2 Qg1# Posizione 49 Spagnola Partida 0-1]
8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc5 9.d3 c6 10.Nd2 Be7 11.f4 h5** 0.40/21
[Better is 11...0-0= -0.22/19]
12.Nf3 -0.01/21
[12.f5± 0.40/21 should be considered.]
12...Qb6 13.Kh1!
[13.Nxd4? Nxb3 14.axb3 Qxd4+-+]
13...Bg4 14.c3 -0.12/19
[⌓14.h3 0.27/21]
14...dxc3 15.bxc3 Qa6! 16.Bc2 Bf5 17.Ne1 Ne6



18.c4? -2.41/21 **Bg4?** -0.90/20
[18...dxc4-+ -2.41/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 19.dxc4 Qxc4]
19.Nf3∓ 0-0-0 -0.21/19 Black is much more active.

[19...dxc4∓ -0.99/20 aiming for ... 0-0-0. 20.dxc4 Rd8 *(20...Qxc4 21.Bb3∓)*]

20.Qe2? -1.74/21

[20.Bb3= -0.21/19 and White is okay.]

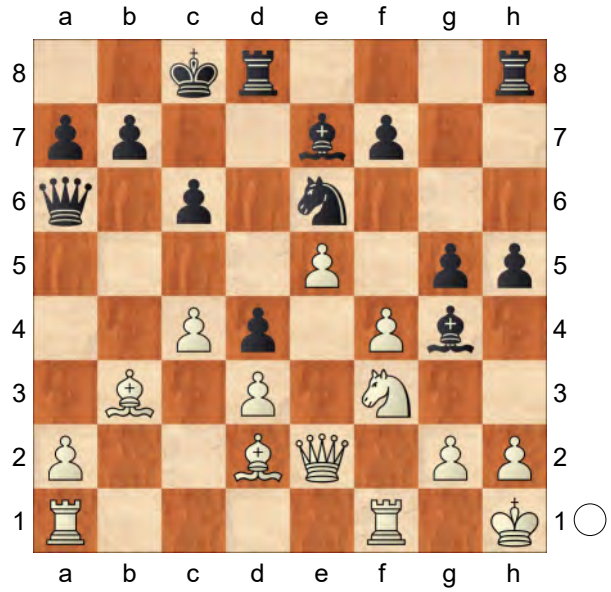
20...Nc5? -0.01/20

[20...Nd4-+ -1.74/21 21.Qf2 Bxf3 22.Qxd4 Be2]

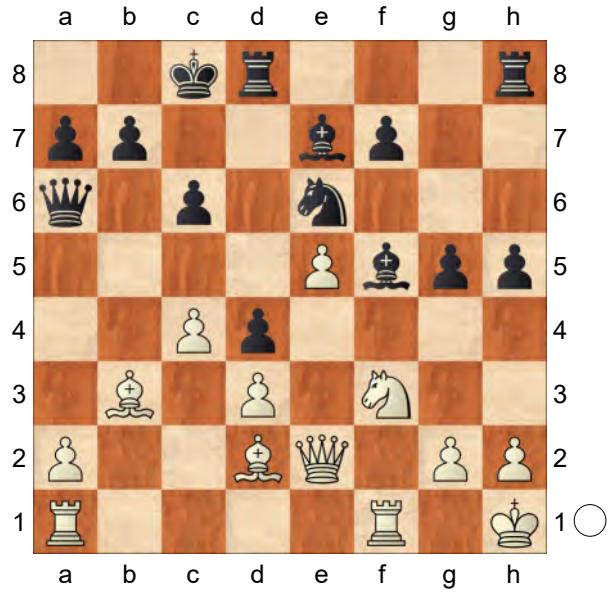
21.Be3= Ne6 0.55/19

[21...dxc4= 0.01/19 22.dxc4 Rd7]

22.Bb3 d4 23.Bd2 g5 0.78/20



24.f5! 0.13/21 **Bxf5**



...Bg6 would now be deadly. **25.Bxg5! Nxg5**

[25...Qa3 26.Bc1]

26.Nxg5 Bg4 27.Qd2 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Be6 29.Bd1 Qa3 30.Be2 Qb2 0.88/21

[30...Rhg8= 0.19/19 31.Qf4 a6]

31.Bf3±

[31.Bxh5? Rdg8 32.Rab1 Qc2-+ *(32...Rxg5? 33.Rxb2 Rgxh5 34.g3-+; 32...Qxa2? 33.Ra1-+)*]

31...Qa3 32.Be4

[32.Bxh5? Rdg8 *(32...Qxd3 33.Bxf7 Bxc4 34.Qg7±)* 33.Qh4 Qxd3-+]

32...Rdg8 33.Qd2 -0.01/21

[33.Qf6± 0.83/22]

33...Qc5 0.70/19

[33...h4= -0.01/21]

34.Rab1 0.04/20

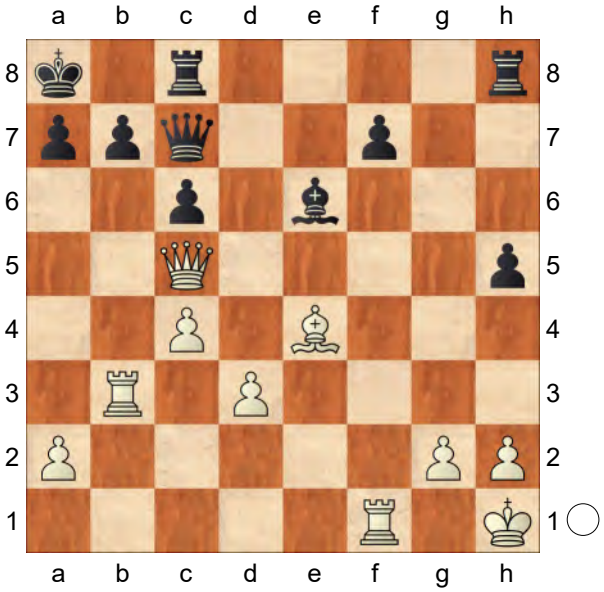
[White should try 34.Qf4± 0.70/19]

34...Qxe5 0.93/21

[34...h4!= 0.04/20 keeps the balance.]

35.Qb2 Qc7 36.Qxd4 Kb8 37.Qc5 Ka8 38.Rb3 Rc8? 4.32/19

[38...Bc8± 0.89/19]



39.Rfb1!+- b6 40.Qb4 0.95/19

[40.Rxb6+- 4.29/20 is the precise

move to win. Bd7 *(40...axb6? 41.Rxb6 Bd7 42.Ra6+ Kb8 43.Qb4+ Qb7 44.Rb6+- Pin)* 41.Rb7 Qxb7 42.Rxb7 Kxb7 43.h4]

40...Kb8? 3.39/20

[40...h4± 0.95/19]

41.a4 Black must now prevent a5.

41...Rcd8? 5.36/21

[41...Qe5 2.11/21 is a better chance. 42.a5 b5]

42.a5 b5 43.Rc3

[43.cxb5 c5 44.Qa3 *(44.b6 Qxh2+ 45.Kxh2 cxb4+-)* 44...Bxb3+-]

43...f5 44.Bf3 Rd4 45.Qc5 Qd6 46.cxb5 Qxc5 47.Rxc5 Rxd3 48.bxc6+

[Weaker is 48.Bxc6 Rhd8 49.Kg1 h4+-]

[Not 48.Rxc6 Bd5+-]

48...Kc7 49.Rb7+ Kd6 50.Rc1 h4 51.h3

[Less strong is 51.Rxa7 h3 52.Rb7 Bc8+-]

51...f4 6.92/23

[⌓51...a6 4.59/21 52.c7 Bc8 53.Rb6+ Ke7]

52.c7 Rc8 53.Rxa7 Bxh3 54.Bb7 Rg8 55.c8Q Bxc8 56.Bxc8 Threatens to win with Rd7+. **56...Ra3 57.Rd7+ Ke5 58.Rc5+ Ke4 59.Bb7+ Ke3 60.Re5+ Kf2 61.Rd2+** 3.80/5

[⌓61.Kh2 8.49/20 Threatening mate with Rd2+. Ra2 62.Rd4]

61...Kg3 Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.61.

Loses game: White=1 Black=2

Missed win: White=1 Black=1

Mistake: White=7 Black=10

Inaccurate: White=3 Black=3

OK: White=23 Black=20

Best: White=3 Black=3

Strong: White=1 ---

. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

0-1

C61

□ **Chandler,Murray G** **2605**

■ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2680**

53/245 Hastings 1991

[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

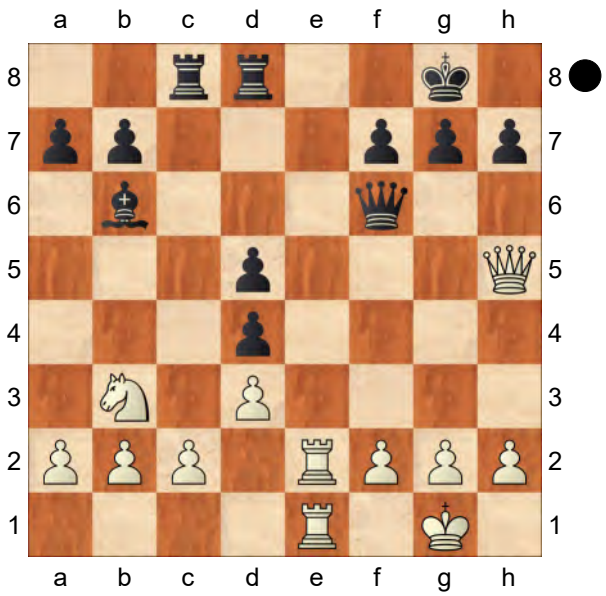
RR: 'Inf 41/(377)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3** White has an edge.

12...Bb6 13.Bg5 0-0N

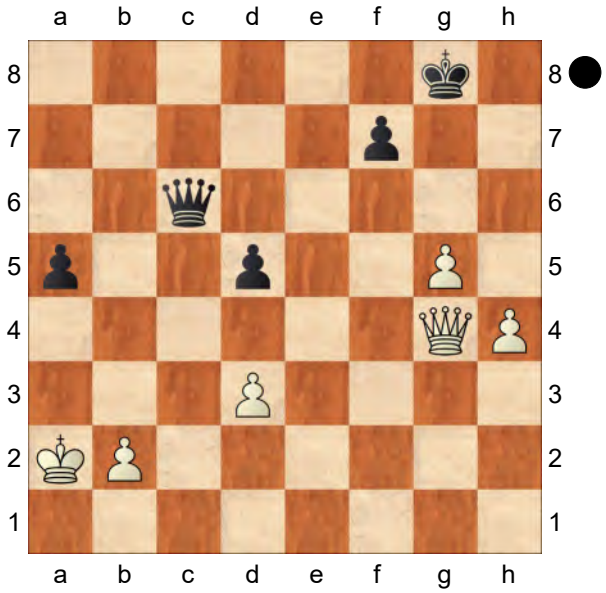
[13...f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ *(15.a4 0-0 16.Re1 Ng6 17.h3 Rfc8* Lanc,A-Tseshkovsky,V 41/(377) Trnava 1986 *)* 15...g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kg7 21.Nc1 Rac8 22.c3 Rf7 23.Qh3 h5 24.Ne2 g5 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 25.Ng3 Nxg3 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.hxg3 Kf7 28.Kf1 Rh8 29.cxd4 Bxd4 30.Bxa5 Bxb2 31.Rab1 Bd4 32.Rb5 h4 33.gxh4 Rxh4 34.Reb1 Re7 35.Kg1 Rf4 36.Bb6 Bxb6 37.Rxb6 Rxa4 38.Rxb7 Ra3 39.d4 Rd3 Majewski,J (2580)-9.♗f3 ♕c7 10.♗e3 69246 (2630) (ch) 93/(156) 2004 ½-½]

14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Qh5 Rac8 17.Re2 Rfd8 18.Rae1

(Diagram)



Hoping for Qxd5! **18...h6 19.g3 Rc6 20.a4 a5 21.Re8+ Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Kh7 23.Re2**
[23.Nd2 is interesting. Rxc2 24.Nf3 Qg6 25.Qxd5 Rc1+ 26.Re1]
23...Re6 24.Kf1↑ Black is under pressure. **24...Rxe2 25.Kxe2=** Endgame. KQB-KQN **25...Qe6+ 26.Kd1 Qd7 27.Qf3 Kg8 28.Qf4 h5** 0.80/24
[28...Qxa4= 0.17/23 remains equal. 29.Qb8+ Kh7]
29.Kc1±
[29.Nxd4 Qxa4 30.Qb8+ Kh7∓]
29...g6 30.Qb8+
[30.Nxd4 Qxa4 31.c3 Bxd4 32.cxd4 Qc6+ 33.Kd2 Qb6=]
30...Kg7 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.Kb1
[32.Nxd4 Bc7 33.Qf6 Qxa4=]
32...Qxa4 33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.Qxb7 Qb4 35.Nc1 Qd6 1.08/15
[35...Bc5± 0.41/12 36.Qxd5 Be7]
36.Ne2 g5 Against Nf4 **37.f4 Qe6 38.fxg5 Qxe2 39.Qxb6** KQ-KQ
39...Qd1+ 40.Ka2 Qxc2 41.Qxd4+
[41.Qxa5 Qxh2 42.Qe1 Qc2=]
41...Kg8 42.h4 0.72/19
[42.Qxd5?! Qa4+ 43.Kb1 Qd1+ 44.Ka2 Qa4+ 45.Kb1 Qd1+ 46.Ka2 Qa4+=]
[⌓42.g6 1.35/23]
42...Qc6 43.g4 hxg4 44.Qxg4



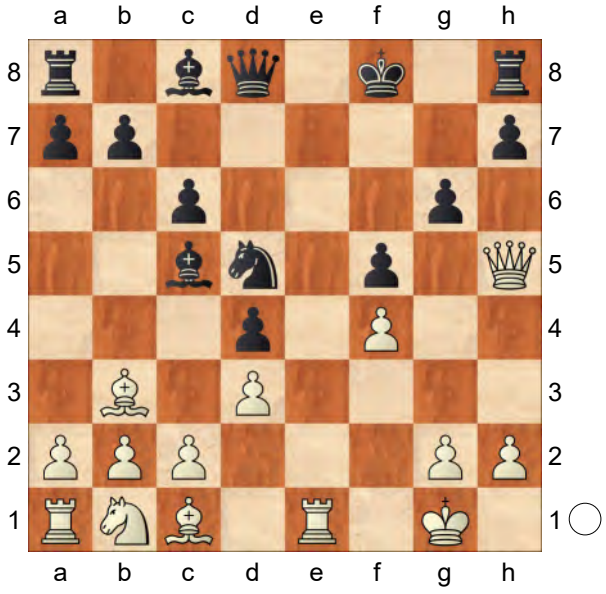
Black must now prevent h5. **44...Qb5?** 2.90/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[44...Qc2± 0.85/22]
45.Qd4+- a4 46.Qc3 Prevents Qb3+. Active counter play! **46...Kh7 47.h5 d4 48.Qc4**
[Stronger than 48.Qxd4 Qb3+ 49.Kb1 Qd1+ 50.Ka2 Qb3+ 51.Ka1 Qd1+ 52.Ka2 Qb3+=]
48...Qd7 White is clearly winning.
[48...Qxc4+ 49.dxc4 Kg7 50.c5 *(50.Ka3? d3-+)*]
49.Ka3 And now Qxf7+! would win.
49...Qe7+ 50.Kxa4 Strongly threatening Qxf7+! **50...Qa7+ 51.Kb4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise) .
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=1
Black=2
Inaccurate: White=3
Black=6

OK: White=16
Black=17
Best: White=6
Black=5 . An unexpected result.
½-½

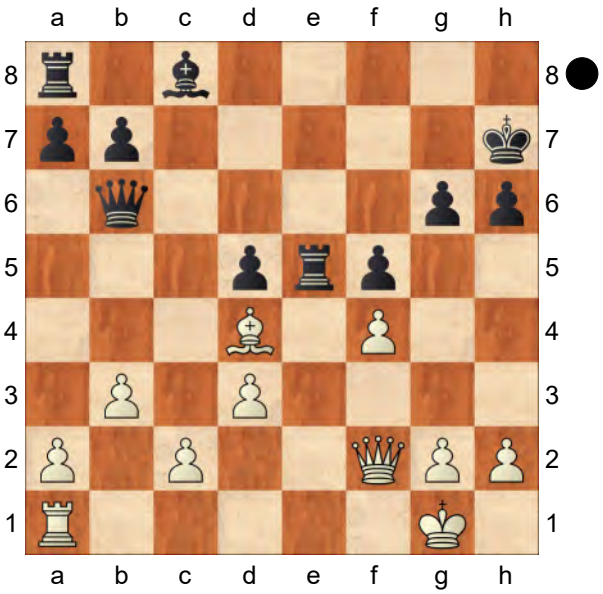
C61

□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2650**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2680**
Tilburg (10) 18.09.1990
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 f5 9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ White is better. **11...Kf8** 1.65/21
[11...Kf7± 0.99/22]
12.Qh5 g6



13.Qh6+ Kg8 1.95/23
[13...Kf7± 1.41/21]
14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 1.25/20
[15.Qg5+- 1.85/22 Bd7 16.Nf3]
15...Bg7 1.80/23
[15...Kg7± 1.25/20 might work better.]
16.Nf3+- h6 17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+ cxd5 19.b3 Kh7 20.Bb2 Qb6? 4.24/21
[20...Re8 2.45/20 was worth a try. 21.Bxd4 Qd6]
21.Qf3 2.37/20
[⌓21.Nf7 4.24/21 h5 22.Ng5+ Kh6 23.Re7]
21...Re8 22.Qf2
[22.Qxd5 Rd8 23.Qf7 Qf6]
22...Bxe5 23.Rxe5
[23.fxe5 a6 24.Bxd4 Qc6±]
23...Rxe5 24.Bxd4
[24.fxe5 a6 25.Qxd4 *(25.Bxd4 Qc7±)* 25...Qxd4+ 26.Bxd4 g5±]



Double Attack **24...Re2 25.Bxb6**
[25.Qxe2? Qxd4+ 26.Kf1 Qxa1+-+]
25...Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Endgame. Threatens to win with Re1. KRB-KRB **26...Kg7 27.a4 Be6 28.a5 a6 29.Bd4+ Kf7 30.Kf2 Rc8 31.Ra2 g5 32.Be5 Kg6 33.Ke3 Kh5** 2.49/18
[33...Bd7 1.99/20 is a better defense. 34.c3 *(34.Kd4 gxf4 35.Bxf4 h5+-)* 34...Kf7]
34.Kd2 Rg8 2.06/22
[34...Bd7 1.61/18 was called for. 35.Ke3 Rg8]
35.g3 Kg4 36.Ke3 Kh3 37.c3 1.24/21

[37.fxg5+- 1.76/21 hxg5 38.Kd4]
37...d4+? 2.84/25 This costs Black the game. **38.Kxd4**
[38.Bxd4 Bxb3 39.Rb2 Bd5=]
38...Rd8+ 39.Ke3 c4 would now be deadly. **39...Bxb3 40.Rb2 Bd5 41.c4 Bg2 42.Rb6 Bf1** 5.02/22
[⌓42...Kxh2 3.42/19 43.Rxh6+ Kxg3 44.fxg5+ Discovered Attack (Check) f4+ 45.Bxf4+ Kg4]
43.Rxh6+ White is clearly winning.
43...Kg2 44.d4
[44.fxg5? is a self mate. Rxd3+ 45.Kf4 Rf3#]
44...g4 45.c5 Bc4 46.Rf6 Kxh2 47.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.34.
Mistake: White=3
Black=8
Inaccurate: White=1 ---
OK: White=19
Black=12
Best: White=2 ---
1-0

C61
□ **9.♘d2 a5/ 14.♕c2 ♘gf6 1 2650**
■ **Kavakul,M 2680**
75/76_94491 Racibórz (10) 18.09.1990
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 f5 9.Bb3! d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+! White is better. **11...Kf8** 1.72/22
[11...Kf7± 1.00/22]
12.Qh5 g6

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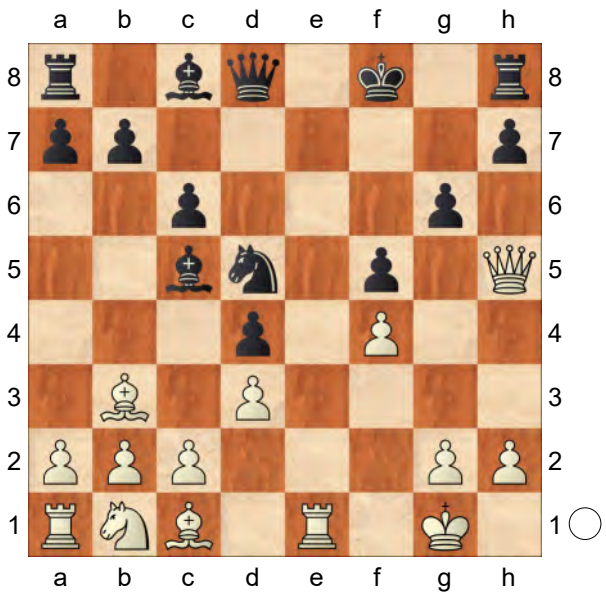
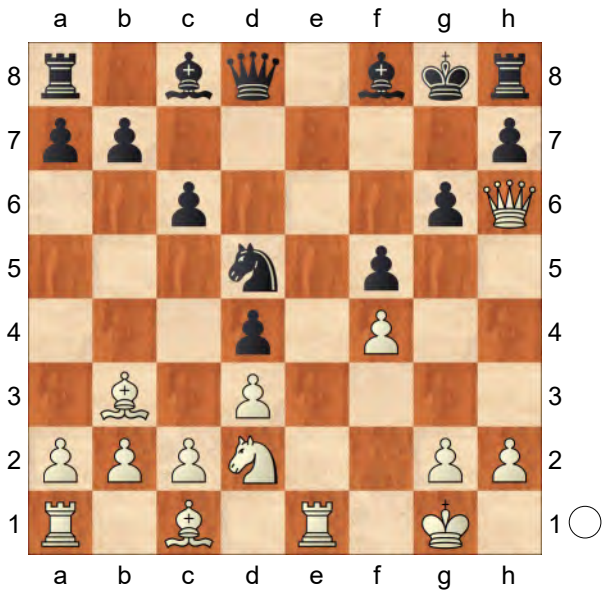


13.Qh6+ Kg8 1.87/22
[13...Kf7± 1.44/22 is a better defense.]
14.Nd2 Bf8



15.Qh3 1.29/20
[15.Qg5!+- 1.88/18 Qxg5 16.fxg5]
15...Bg7 1.73/21
[15...Kg7± 1.29/20]
16.Nf3+- h6 2.50/22
[⌓16...Bf6 1.98/19 17.Qh6 Bd7 18.Bxd5+ cxd5]
17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+ cxd5 19.b3 Kh7 20.Bb2 Qb6? 4.46/22

[20...Re8 2.50/20 was necessary. 21.Bxd4 Qd6]
21.Qf3 2.40/19
[⩲21.Nf7 4.46/22 h5 22.Nxh8]
21...Re8 22.Qf2
[22.Qxd5 Rd8 23.Qf7 Qf6]
22...Bxe5 23.Rxe5
[23.fxe5?! a6 24.Bxd4 Qe6±]
23...Rxe5 24.Bxd4 Double Attack
[24.fxe5?! a6 25.Qxd4 *(25.Bxd4 Qc7±)* 25...Qxd4+ 26.Bxd4 Be6±]
24...Re2 25.Bxb6
[25.Qxe2? is the wrong capture. Qxd4+ 26.Kf1 Qxa1+-+]
25...Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Endgame. Re1 is the strong threat. KRB-KRB **26...Kg7 27.a4 Be6 28.a5 a6 29.Bd4+ Kf7 30.Kf2 Rc8 31.Ra2 g5 32.Be5 Kg6 33.Ke3 Kh5 34.Kd2** 1.48/19
[34.Kd4+- 2.48/21]
34...Rg8 2.05/22
[34...Bd7± 1.48/19 was worth a try. 35.Ke3 Kh4]
35.g3 Kg4 36.Ke3 Kh3 37.c3 d4+? 3.08/25 Black cannot hold the game after this. **38.Kxd4**
[Less strong is 38.Bxd4 Bxb3 39.Rb2 Bd5±]
38...Rd8+ 39.Ke3 Strongly threatening c4. **39...Bxb3 40.Rb2 Bd5 41.c4 Bg2 42.Rb6 Bf1 43.Rxh6+** White is clearly winning. **43...Kg2 44.d4**
[44.fxg5? leads to mate. Rxd3+ 45.Kf4 Rf3#]
44...g4 45.c5 Bc4 46.Rf6 Kxh2 47.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.32.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=3
Black=6
OK: White=19
Black=15
Best: White=3 ---
1-0

C61

□ **Ruy Lopez Bird**
■ **3.♗b5 ♘d4_31776**
Survey 1990
[Wedberg,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4
[4.Bc4 Bc5 *(4...Nf6 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 c6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.d4 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxe5 dxe5* = Godes-Mih. Cejtin/cr 1988 *)* 5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.a4 a6 10.Be3 Nxe4 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd5 Nf6 13.dxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Rb8 16.Nd2 b5 17.Qd4 bxa4 18.Ne4 Kh8 ∓ Romanischin-Malaniuk/Tiblisi 1986/ - 23]
[4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 *(5.b4 Bxb4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bxd4 d5 10.a3 Ba5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.Bb3 Qc6 14.f4* Kosten-Flear/Gausdal 1987*; 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.d3 Qxf3 8.gxf3 Ne7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Bb6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 d6 13.Bb3 Kh8 14.a4 f5 15.Bg5* Now would 15...♘g6! have given Black an OK game. Mokry-Agdestein/Gausdal 1987 *)* 5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qh4!? Why not? 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 d6 9.h3 h5 10.Kh1 Nf6 11.Bb3 a5 12.a4 Rf8 13.Qg3 Qxg3 14.fxg3 Nh7 15.Bd2 Ke7 16.Rae1 Be6 17.Bxe6 Kxe6 ∓ Tsoumis-Wedberg/Athens 1980]
4...exd4 5.0-0
[5.Bc4 Preventing 5...♗c5 by means

of 6.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 7.♕h5+ and 8.♕xc5. c6!? The sequence 5...♘f6 6.0-0 ♘xe4 7.♗xf7+ has been played a lot recently, but the results favors White. 6.0-0 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Re1+ *(9.Qe2+ Ne7 10.b3 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qd3 Qf5 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qe3+ Be7 15.Bb2 0-0 16.d3 Bf6* ⩲ Cabrilo *)* 9...Ne7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qh5 0-0-0 12.Qxf7 Nc6 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.d3 Nb4 15.Na3 Rc8 = Rosentalis-Guseinov/Klaipeda 1988/0-1 33]

[5.Qh5 One of my own inventions, but its not really dangerous for Black. Nf6! 6...♕e7?! 7.0-0 is another story. See Wedberg-Kuprejchik, Malmo 1987. 6.Qe5+ Qe7 7.Qxd4 Qxe4+ 8.Qxe4+ Nxe4 9.0-0 Bc5 The threat to f2 prevents ♖e1. Black continues 0-0, c6 and d5 with an equal game.]

5...Bc5 6.d3

[6.Bc4 d6 7.c3 *(7.d3 Qh4!? 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.f4 Be6 10.Nf3 Qh5 11.Bb3 Bxb3 12.axb3 Bb6 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Ng5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Rde8 16.Bd2 a6 17.Nxf7 Rhf8 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nf3 d5* ⩲ Ceskovskij-Klaric/Moscow GMA 1989 *)*

A) 7...c6 8.d3 *(8.b4 Bb6 9.Bb2 Ne7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.cxd4 Qf6 13.Qc2 Nf4 14.Bf1 Ne6 15.Na3 Nxd4 16.Qc3 Be6 17.d3 a5 18.Nc2 axb4 19.Qd2 b3 20.axb3 Bxb3 21.Nxd4 Bxd4 22.Rab1* 0-1 Grosar,A (2355)-Kupreichik,V (2500)/Berlin West 1987 (42) *)* 8...Ne7 *(8...Nf6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.cxd4 Bg4 11.Nf3 Bxd4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 d5 14.Bb3 Re8 15.Re1 Nd7 16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Qg3 a5 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 a4 20.Bd1 dxe4 21.Rxe4 Nd7 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bg4 Nf6 24.Bf3 Nd5* 1/2 Ehlvest,J (2580)-Ivanchuk,V (2625)/Reggio Emilia 1988 *)* 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 = Romanishin Wedberg,Ftacnik: 'Wedberg: '= Romanishin'' 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nf3 Bb6 13.h3 h6 14.Re1 Be6 15.Be3 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qxd1 17.Bxd1 Ba5 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Nxd2 Rfd8 20.Nf3 c5 1/2 Romanishin,O (2590)-Dzindzichashvili,R (2570)/Tilburg 1985 (34);

B) 7...Ne7 8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bd5 Bb6 *(10...Bf6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Bd7 13.Qc2 0-0 14.d3 d5 15.Nc3 Bc6* ⩲ Ehlvest *)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.d4 ± Romanishin]

[6.Qh5 This is not a bad move. White seems to get a slight advantage here. Qe7 7.d3 Nf6 8.Qh4 c6 9.Bc4 *(9.Ba4 a5 10.a3 b5 11.Bb3 a4 12.Ba2 d6 13.Bg5 h6 14.f4* ± Δ14...0-0 15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.♕xf6 gxf6 17.f5, Naumkin. *)* 9...d5 10.Bb3 dxe4 11.Bg5 ↑ Malaniuk]

[6.c3 c6

A) 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.d3 d5

A1) 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.cxd4 *(10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Be6* looks dangerous for Black, but in fact White cannot prevent Black castling with an equal game. *)* 10...Bxd4 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f4 f5 A slightly risky idea designed to hold up White's kingside play by direct means.

13.e5 b5? A very bad move. I had the ambitious idea to advance my queenside pawns as quickly as possible, but Black cannot succeed while his

development is not complete. *(⌓13...Bb6* followed by ..c5 and ...♗e6 would have been equal. *)* 14.Bb3 c5 Consistent, but bad. *(* However even the superior *⌓14...Bb6* is good for White after *15.a4 b4 16.Nf3* (threat d4) *c5 17.Be3* intending either a5 or simply ♕c2 and ♖c1. *)* 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.a4 I had overlooked this simple move which causes Black's position to fall apart. Ba6 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Be3 Black is doomed by the weakness of d5. Ne6 20.Qf3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Qd7 22.Rxc6 A simple but attractive finish. Qxc6 23.Bxd5 Qc8 24.Rc1 Rb8 25.Rxc5 Qd7 26.Rc6 Rfe8 27.Rd6 Qf7 28.Bc4 1-0 Huebner,R (2620)-Nunn,J (2590)/Brussels 1986

A2) 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nd2 Bb6 12.c4 Ng6 13.Bg3 dxe4 14.dxe4 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 ∓ Kirpicnikov-Sulman/USSR 1987/0-1 34;

B) 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.b4 Be7 10.Re1 Nf6 11.b5 Be6 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.cxd4 Rfd8 = Timman-Beljavskij/Tilburg 1986 Wedberg,Ftacnik: 'Wedberg: '= Timman-Beljavskij/Tilburg 1986" 16.Bb2 Rab8 17.Bc3 c5 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Be5 Bd6 20.Bc4 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf4 22.Re4 Rb4 23.Rxf4 Rxc4 24.Rxc4 Bxc4 25.f3 a5 26.Nc3 Rxd2 27.Rc1 Rd8 28.Na4 Be6 29.Nxc5 1/2 Timman,J (2620)-Beliavsky,A (2585)/Tilburg 1986]

[6.b4 A wild move, not yet fully analysed. Bxb4 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4 0-0 10.Qxd4 c6 Soloveev-Skotorenko/cr 1976]

[6.e5 A new try. Maybe Black should simply play 6...♘e7 and 7...0-0. c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.d3 Ne7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Ne4 Nd5 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Qf3 Bg6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Bd2 ± Jurtaev-Klaric/Moscow GMA 1989]

[6.Qf3 Ne7 7.d3 c6 8.Bc4 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.Na3 g5 15.Bd2 Qd7 16.Nb5 Bb6 17.Rfe1 Rf7 18.c4 dxc3 19.Bxc3 Rd8 20.h3 Ng6 21.Bd4 1-0 Hjartarson,J (2545)-Malaniuk,V (2575)/Moscow 1987 (44)]

6...c6 7.Ba4

[7.Bc4 d5! This is a typical and important method in the Bird. Black likes to have double d-pawns. 8.exd5 cxd5

A) 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 *(10.Re1 0-0 11.Nd2 a5 12.a4 Bb4* ∓ Anand-Ceskovskij/Calcutta 1986/ 0-1 33*; 10.c4 0-0 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nd2 Ne3 13.fxe3 dxe3 14.Qh5 exd2+ 15.Qxc5 dxc1Q 16.Raxc1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Qe3 Qf6* = Dvoyris-Balashov/ USRch 1986 *)* 10...f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 Beljavskij-Ceskovskij/URSch 1986/ Black played 21...f5? and finally lost. Rb6! 22.Rad1 Rb4 23.Nf3 b5 24.axb5 a4 25.Ba2 Rxb2 ∓ Beljavskij;

B) 9.Bb5+ Bd7 *(9...Kf8!? 10.c3 Ne7 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 g6 13.Bh6+ Kg8 14.Re1 Be6* ∓ Δ♘f5 Sigurjonsson-Kuprejchik/

Winnipeg 1986/0-1 31 *)* 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7= 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 *(12.Nf3 0-0 13.Bf4 Rfe8 14.Re1 f6 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Re1 g5 18.Bg3 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Kf7* 1/2 Megaranto,S (2524)-Short,N (2677)/Turin 2006 (30) *)* 12...Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5

B1) 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.a4 Nf5 18.Rfe1 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qf3 = Rohde-Christiansen/USA(ch) 1986/0-1 40 *(20.Qg4 Kg7 21.Nc1 Rac8 22.c3 Rf7 23.Qh3 h5 24.Ne2 g5 25.Ng3 Nxg3 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.hxg3 Kf7* 1/2 Ljubojevic,L (2580)-Salov,V (2630)/Rotterdam 1989 (46)*)* ; **B2)** 15.a4 0-0 16.Re1 Ng6 17.h3 Rfc8 = Lanc-Ceskovskij/ Trnava 1986]

7...Ne7

[7...Nf6 8.c3 d6 9.b4 Bb6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Bb2 c5 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.a4 a5 14.bxa5 Rxa5 15.Nd2 Bg4 16.f3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qb3 Ke7 19.Nc4 Ra6 20.Ba3 Ne8 21.Nxd6 Nxd6 22.e5 Qd7 23.Bxd6+ Kf7 24.f4 g6 25.f5 1-0 Delgado Ramirez, N (2541)-Hansen,E/Dos Hermanas 2004]

[7...d6 8.Nd2 *(8.f4* 'Probably, the most principled continuation. White is occupying some space on the kingside, that will help him to manage iniative there. Another possibility is' Black didn't equalize after *8...Nf6 9.f5 h6 10.Bf4 Bd7 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.Rae1 Rde8 14.Bg3 Bb4 15.Rf2 g5 16.a3 Bxd2 17.Rxd2 h5 18.c3 h4 19.Bf2 g4 20.Qf4 dxc3 21.bxc3 g3 22.hxg3 hxg3 23.Bxg3 Nh5 24.Qxd6 Nxg3 25.Qxg3 Qxa3 26.Bd1 Qxc3 27.Qe3 Bxf5 28.Rc2 Qa5 29.Rc5 Qc7 30.Rxf5 Qh2+ 31.Kf2* 1-0 McShane,L (2619)-Mamedyarov,S (2585)/Lausanne 2003 (46) *)* 8...Ne7

A) 9.f4 f5 10.Bb3 'transfering the knight to f3.'

A1) 10...Kd7 Black cannot castle short, therefore, he transfers his monarch to the queenside. Black tried also 11.Kh1 Good prophylactic move. White moves away the king from the a7-g1 diagonal. In the preceding game white continued *(11.Nf3 Kc7 12.Kh1 h6 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 g5 15.e5 Ng6 16.d4 Bb6 17.a4 Kb8 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Ne5± ½-½* Skrebnevskis,R-Martinkus,R/Vilnius 1995/ (27) *)* 11...Kc7 12.c3 Now white is opening up the game. Ng6 13.cxd4 *(*Less convincing is *13.Nf3 dxc3 14.bxc3 fxe4 15.dxe4 Bg4∞)* 13...Bxd4 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.Bd2 completing the development. fxe4 preparing to develop the light-squared bishop to g4. 16.dxe4 Bg4 17.Qc2 Bxf3 It is important to eliminate white's knight, as white can transfer it to g5. *(*After *17...Qe7 18.Ng5↑* white's initiative is dangerous for black. *)* 18.Rxf3 Qe7 19.Rd1! threatning with ♗b4 with following e4-e5 strike. Rad8 strengthening the d6 pawn. *(*In case of *19...Bc5* white is weakening black's monarch residence by *20.Ba5+!±)* 20.Rg3! Now white is threatening to win an exchange by f4-f5 with

following ♗g5. Rde8 *(*Black doesn't maintain material balance after *20...Rd7 21.f5 Ne5 22.Be6+-)* 21.Bb4!

A1a) 21...c5 doesn't prevent from white an obvious advantage: 22.f5! Ne5 *(22...Qxe4 23.Bc3 c4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4 25.Ba4+-)* 23.Bd2**±**;

A1b) 21...Bc5 22.Bc3 Of course, white doesn't change the bishops. *(22.Bxc5? dxc5 23.f5 Ne5 24.Rc3 b6∞)* 22...Qxe4 Practically, it is the best chance to change the character of the struggle. Objectively, this continuation is not the best... *(22...Kb8 23.f5 Ne5 24.Be6 Rd8 25.b4 Bb6 26.b5±)* 23.f5

A1b1) The endgame after 23...Qxc2 24.Bxc2 Ne5 25.Rxg7+ is losing for black: Nd7 *(25...Kb8 26.b4+-)* 26.f6+-;

A1b2) 23...Qh4 24.Bxg7 winning an exchange. *(24.Rh3 Qg4 25.fxg6? Re2 26.Rg3 Qxg3 27.Qxe2 hxg6 28.h3 Rxh3+ 29.gxh3 Qxh3+ 30.Qh2 Qf3+=; 24.fxg6?? Qxg3-+)* 24...Ne5

A1b21) 25.Bxh8?? Ng4 26.Rxg4 *(26.h3 Qxg3-+)* 26...Re1+-+;

A1b22) 25.Rh3?! Qf4 26.Bxh8 Rxh8 27.Qd2 Qxf5 28.Bc2**±**;

A1b23) 25.Qe2! 0-1 Fressinet,L (2627)-Fontaine,R (2526)/ Chartres 2005 (33) covering the g4 square, thus, neutralizing black's counterplay.;

A2) 10...d5 11.e5 *(⌓11.exd5)* 11...Be6 12.Nf3 Qd7= 1-0 Tatari,E-Hoiberg,N/Aarhus 1993/ (38);

A3) 10...a5 11.a4 Kd7 *(11...d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qh6 Be6 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.Re1 Rf8 17.Bd2 Bg8 18.Re2±* 1-0 Mastrovasilis,D-Jirka,J/Wch U20 Nakhchivan 2003 (33) *)* 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4 Bb6 14.Ng3 Kc7 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.g4 Bd7 17.f5 Qh4 18.Bf4 h5 19.Bg3 Qg5 20.Qf3 Rae8 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 hxg4 23.Raf1 Rhf8 24.Rxg4 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Bxf5 26.Rxg7+ 1-0 Syrigos,N-Tsihlis,G/Poros 1998/ (49);

B) 9.Qh5 Be6 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Ng5 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c3 Ng6 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Be3 Bb6 16.Rac1 Rdf8 17.d4 Nf4 18.Qd1 Qf7 19.g3 Ng6 20.b4 1-0 Hagarova,Z-Jirka,J/Trinec 1998/ (29);

C) 9.a3 a5 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bb2 Be6 13.f4 c5 14.bxc5 Bxb3 15.cxb3 dxc5 16.a4 f5 17.Nc4 Bb8 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Qf3 fxe4 21.dxe4 b5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Qh3 Ra6 24.Ra4 Rb8 25.Rb1 1-0 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2732)/Monte Carlo 2004 (53);

D) 9.c3 Bb6 10.Qh5 dxc3 *(10...0-0 11.Bb3 d5 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.a4±)* 11.bxc3 0-0

12.d4 Bacrot has no reason to complain about the result of the opening phase. Black must play carefully in order to get a chance to equalize. *(12.Bb3 Be6 13.Nf3 h6 14.Re1±)* 12...Be6 *(12...Ba5 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bb3±)* 13.Nf3 f6 14.Bb3 Qd7 *(14...d5 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Ba3 Rae8 17.Rab1±)* 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Ba3 Ng6 17.Nh4 *(17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.d5±)* 17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Bxb3 *(18...Bc7 19.Re3 Qf7 20.Qg3 Bxb3 21.axb3 f5 22.exf5 Qxf5⇄)* 19.axb3 Re6 20.Re3 *(20.Qg3 Rfe8 21.f3 d5=)* 20...Rfe8 21.Rae1 d5! 0-1 Bacrot,E (2712)-Morozevich,A (2743)/Biel 2004 (45) Morozevich has managed to everything right and his pieces occupy ideal squares. The position is truly equal.]

8.Qh5 0.18/22

[8.f4 This is my recommendation for White. Black obviously must play 8...f5. Look at the game Blatny-Malaniuk for inspiration.

A) 8...f5 0.98/23 8...d5 0.60 The only move to stop White's expansion. 9.Bb3! An obvious move, but 9.♕h5+ have been played mostly. *(9.Qh5+* 0.19/25 9.Bb3 0.98 Tempting as it may seem this move is probably not dangerous to Black. *g6 10.Qh6 Ng8 11.Qg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bb3 d6 15.exd6 Kd7 16.Nd2 Re8 17.Nf3 Kxd6 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6* Blatny-Malaniuk/Warszawa 1989/-58 *)* 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+!

A1) 11...Ne3? 12.Bxe3 dxe3 13.c3! Repels Qd4 e2+ 2.45/22 *(13...Kd7±* 1.11/20 *14.Qf3 Re8)* 14.d4+-;

A2) 11...Be7 1.72/24 11...Kf7 0.95 12.Qe2 Kf7 13.Nd2 Bf6 14.Nc4! Aiming at e5 and preventing 14...Te8 (15.Sd6+!) at the same time. b5 1.78/22 *(14...a5±* 1.36/24 is a better defense. *)* 15.Ne5++- Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Re8 17.Qxe8+ Qxe8 18.Rxe8 Kxe8 19.a4 0.31/24 With a nice ending for White! *(19.Bxd5±* 1.59/23 *cxd5 20.b3)*;

A3) 11...Kf8 1.79/22 11...Ne3 0.92 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6+! Kg8 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 Bg7 1.92/24 *(15...Kg7±* 1.46/23 *)* 16.Nf3+- h6 2.55/24 *(⌓16...Bf6* 1.72/19 *17.Qh6 Bd7)* 17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+! After this White is completely winning. But Ivanchuk wasn`t able to put up any resistance in this game. He had planned to play the French, - but made a 'fingerfehler'. He lost his interest and only used 25 minutes for the game. cxd5 19.b3!+- 1-0 Kamsky,G (2650)-Ivanchuk,V (2680)/Tilburg 1990 (46);

A4) 11...Kf7 12.Nd2 g6 1.66/23 *(12...Re8±* 1.00/20 might work better. *)* 13.Nf3 Kg7 2.09/23 *(13...a5±* 1.57/20 *14.Bd2 Re8 15.Bxd5+ cxd5)* 14.Bd2 Qd6 2.03/21 Kaiumov prefers 14...□f6, but assesses it ». *(14...Re8 15.Rxe8 Qxe8 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qf1* f2, «e1 xd4*; 14...Nf6±* 1.34/21 was called for. *15.Re5 Bd6)* 15.Bxd5+-

A4a) 15...Qxd5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Re7+ Kf6? 10.71/25

(17...Kf8 2.12/24 *)* 18.Qe1+- h6 19.Ng5 +- Kaiumov;

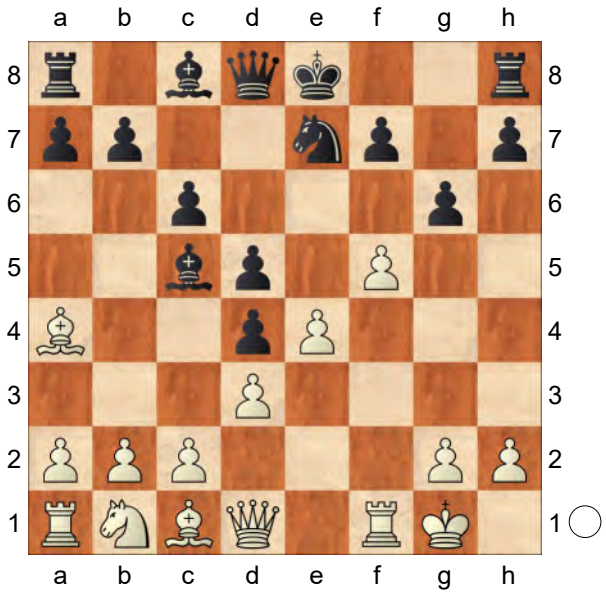
A4b) 15...cxd5 16.Qe2 a5 17.Qf2 Bd7?! *(17...Qb6 18.Rab1)* 18.Nxd4 Rhc8 19.Be3 » Kaiumov-Egin/URS 1988/1-0 60;

B) 8...d5 Not the best move. But look carefully at this game because it is a fine display of White's attacking resources once he gets f5 in. 9.f5

B1) 9...f6 1.59/20 9...a5 0.34 10.Qh5+ Kf8 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.c3 Be8 13.Qh4 dxe4 1.92/22 *(13...dxc3±* 1.28/22 keeps fighting. *14.Nxc3 Bf7)* 14.dxe4+- Qb6 3.10/20 *(⌓14...h6* 1.89/20 *15.Bf4 a5)* 15.Bb3+- Threatening mate with Qxf6+! Bf7 16.Nd2 dxc3 17.bxc3 Bxf7 would now be deadly. Qa6 4.27/21 *(17...Qc7* 2.96/19 was worth a try. *18.Nc4 b5)* 18.Re1 2.23/19 » Kindermann-Tatai/Budapest 1987/1-0 26 *(⌓18.e5* 4.27/21 *Ng8 19.Bxf7 Kxf7 20.e6+ Kf8 21.Qh5)*;

B2) 9...g6

(Diagram)



10.f6! Ng8 11.exd5 b5 12.Qe1+ Kf8 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb3 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Bf5? 5.11/21 *(15...Rb8* 2.93/19 *16.a4 Bb7)* 16.Bxa8 1-0 Kindermann-Lorenz/Berlin 1987;

B3) 9...a5± 0.41/21;

B4) 9...dxe4 0.95/22 10.dxe4± 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 1.94/22 *(11...b6±* 0.99/21 *)* 12.Qh5+- d3 2.61/21 *(12...Kh8±* 1.55/20 was necessary. *13.Bxf7 d3)* 13.cxd3+- Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3?? -3.26/19 *(15.Kh1+-* 1.98/22 avoids the disaster. And now Rh3 would win. *g6 16.fxg6 Nxg6 17.Nc3)* 15...Qxb2-+ 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 White threatens Be3! and mate. Bd4+ -1.75/24 *(⌓17...Nxf5* -3.26/25 *18.Bxg7 Qc1+ 19.Kf2 Qf4+ 20.Kg1 Kxg7 21.Qh7+ Kf6)* 18.Kh1 -1.16/23 *(18.Be3-+* -1.75/24 *Bxe3+ 19.Rxe3 Bxf5 20.exf5)* 18...Qf2? 6.71/21 *(18...Nxf5∓* -1.16/23 *19.Bxg7 Qc1+ 20.Bd1 Kxg7)* 19.Nc3+- White wants to mate with Bg5. g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.Be3 1-0 Spassky,B (2605)-Barua,D (2450)/New York 1987]

[8.Nd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bb3 0-0 = Karpov-Kuprejchik/URS-ch 1976 Wedberg,Ftacnik: 'Wedberg: '= Karpov-Kuprejchik/URS-ch 1976" 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.Qh5 f6 15.h3 0.07/23 *(15.c4±* 0.46/21 is superior.

dxc3 16.Nxc3) 15...Rae8 16.Re2 b6 17.Rae1 Bf7 18.Qf3! Bd8 19.c3 f5 20.Ng3 next Rxe8 is good for White. dxc3 21.bxc3 g6 22.c4 Nc7 23.Bc3 1-0 Karpov,A (2695)-Kupreichik,V (2490)/Moscow 1976 (41)]

[8.Bg5 0.02/24 8.f4 0.68 0-0 9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qh5 Be6 12.f4 -1.43/22 *(12.Re1∓* -0.43/23 *)* 12...f6 = Botvinnik]

[8.c3 Wedberg,Ftacnik: 'ECO gives a line' 8...0-0 9.Nd2 Bb6 *(9...dxc3* 0.63/21 9...Bb6 0.19 *10.bxc3 d5 11.d4! Bb6 12.Ba3* assessing it as equal, but it looks good for White to me, so 8...d5 is more accurate. *)* 10.c4 0.04/23 *(10.Kh1±* 0.55/22 *)* 10...d5 = Abramovic]

[White should play 8.f4± 0.77/23]

8...d5= 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3

[10.Bb3 a5 Threatens to win with ... a4. 11.exd5 -0.34/21 *(* Better is *11.a4±* 0.32/22 *)* 11...cxd5∓ aiming for ...a4. 12.a4 Ra6 Black had good chances in Campora-Fernandez Garcia/Dubai(ol) 1986/ -61]

10...f6 The position is equal. **11.Bb3**

[11.exd5 Nxd5 11...cxd5!? accepting the doubled d-pawns was interesting. 12.Re1 Bd7 0.54/20 *(12...g6=* -0.10/21 *13.Qh4 g5)* 13.Bb3± Be8 14.Qh4 Bf7 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Re4 Bxb3 17.axb3 Ng6 18.Qh3 ± Lau-Anand/Moscow GMA 1989]

11...Be6 12.e5 -1.01/22 White creates a 3 against 2 pawn majority on the ♔-side, but at the same time he excludes his ♗ on b3 from the fight. This ♗ can often be a problem for White in the Bird. In this game Flear intructively plays on that theme.

[12.Re1= 0.00/23 remains equal.]

12...Qe8 -0.24/22

[12...Qc8∓ -1.01/22 ...Bg4 is the strong threat. 13.h3 *(13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Ng5 Rh6=)* 13...fxe5 14.Nxe5 Qc7]

13.Qxe8 Raxe8 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bg5 Rff8 16.Rae1 Ng6 17.h3 -0.82/26

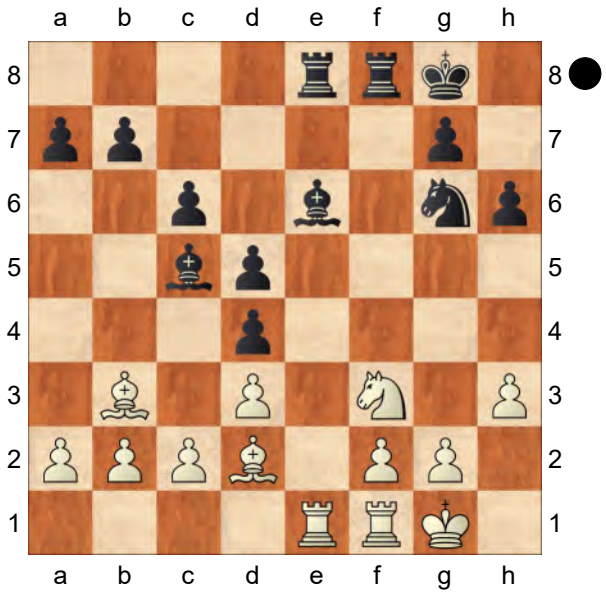
[17.c4= -0.21/23 dxc3 18.bxc3]

17...h6

[17...Rxf3 is more complex. 18.gxf3 h6 19.f4 hxg5 20.f5 Nf4]

18.Bd2 -1.43/22

[18.Nh4!∓ -0.59/22 hxg5 19.Nxg6]



18...Bd7 -0.13/23

[18...Rxf3!∓ -1.43/22 19.gxf3 Nh4]

19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Kf7 Wedberg,Ftacnik: '0-1 Ernst,T (2465)-Flear,G (2495)/Gausdal 1987 (40)' **22.g4N Bd6** White should prevent ...Nf4. **23.Nf3 Bf4 24.Bxf4** -1.82/22 Loses the game.

[24.Bb4∓ -0.50/20]

24...Nxf4∓ Endgame. KBN-KBN **25.Kh2 c5 26.Ne5+** -2.61/22

[⌓26.a3 -1.84/22]

26...Ke6-+ 27.Nxd7 -4.37/21

[27.Nf3 -2.50/24 was forced.]

27...Kxd7 KB-KN **28.Kg3 g5 29.Ba4+** -3.98/26
[29.a4 -2.63/24 only move.]
29...Ke7 30.h4 a6 31.hxg5 -5.76/20
[⌓31.Bb3 -3.80/24 b5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.a3]
31...hxg5 32.Bb3 b5 White must now prevent ...c4. **33.a3 c4 34.dxc4** -6.98/24
[⌓34.Ba2 -4.08/25 cxd3 35.cxd3 Nxd3 36.b4]
34...dxc4 Black is clearly winning.
35.Ba2 Kf6 36.Bb1 c3 37.b3 Ke5 38.Kf3 a5 39.b4 a4 40.Kg3 Ke4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.20 (precise) .
Mistake: White=9
Black=2
Inaccurate: ---
Black=1
OK: White=7
Black=11
Best: White=1
Black=2
0-1

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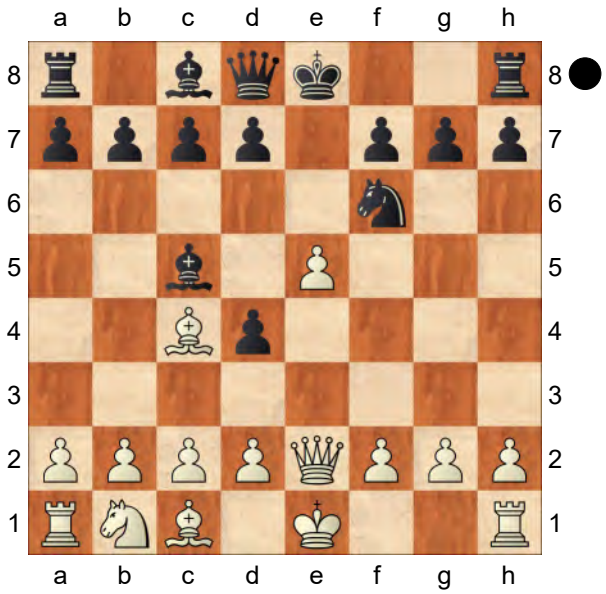
□ **Short,Nigel D** **2650**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2635**
Linares 07th 1989
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Qe2 -0.17/22
[6.0-0± 0.48/23]
6...Bc5 7.e5 -1.06/21
[7.0-0= 0.04/17]

(Diagram)



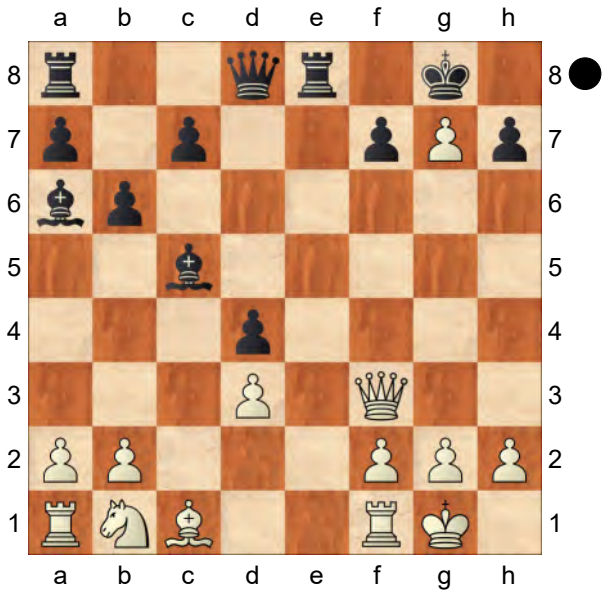
7...0-0!∓ Strongly threatening ...Re8.
8.0-0
[8.exf6? Re8 9.0-0 Rxe2 10.Bxe2 Qxf6-+]
[8.d3 d6]
8...d5! Black is better. **9.exf6**
Black must now prevent Qh5. **9...dxc4**
10.Qh5 -1.21/22
[Better is 10.Qxc4 -0.82/22 Bd6 11.fxg7]
10...b6 11.fxg7 Re8 12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6 -1.14/21
[13...Qf6-+ -1.63/23 14.Bg5 Qxg7]
14.Qf3

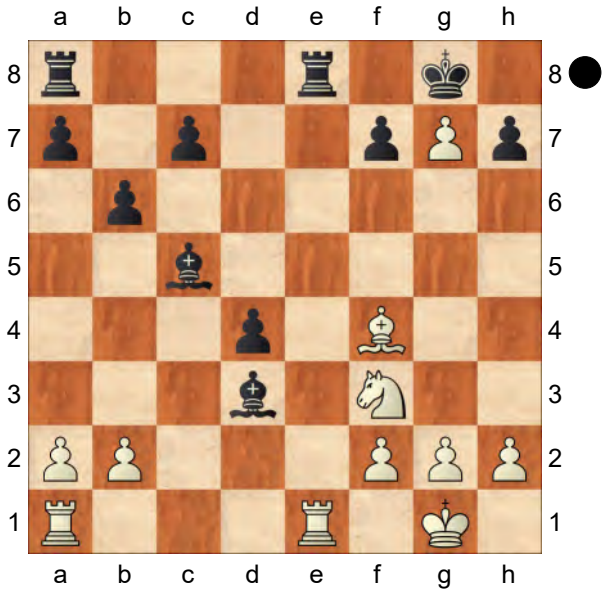
(Diagram)

Qe7! aiming for ...Qe2! Dancing on a razor blade.
[14...Kxg7 15.Qg3+ Kh8 16.Nd2∓]
15.Bf4 Qe2!
[15...Kxg7?! 16.Qg3+ Kh8 17.Nd2=]
16.Nd2 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 Bxd3 18.Rfe1

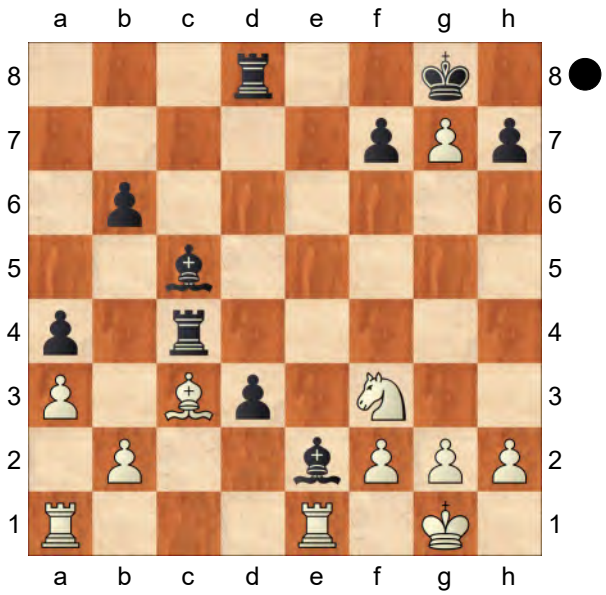
(Diagram)

Be2! This pair of bishops is nice.
[18...Kxg7 19.Be5+ f6 20.Bxd4∓]





19.Bxc7 d3
[19...Kxg7 20.Be5+ Rxe5 21.Nxe5∓]
20.a3 a5 Black has strong compensation. **21.Bf4** -2.25/23
[⌓21.Be5 -1.70/20]
21...Re4-+
[21...Kxg7 22.Bd2]
22.Bd2 Rae8
[22...Kxg7 23.Ng5 Ree8 24.Rac1]
23.Bc3 -2.68/23
[⌓23.b4 -1.79/19 axb4 24.axb4 Bxb4 25.Ra7]
23...a4 White is weak on the light squares **24.Ng5 Rc4 25.Rad1?** -3.63/25
[25.Nf3 -2.02/21 was forced.]
25...Rc8 26.Ra1 Rd8 And now ...Rxc3! would win. **27.Nf3**



Rxc3! 28.bxc3 d2!
[28...Kxg7 29.Ra2=]
29.Rxe2 d1Q+
[29...d1B 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Nxd2+-]
30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ Endgame. KRB-KRN
31.Ne1 Rc1
[Don't take 31...Bxa3 32.Kf1 Rc1 *(32...Kxg7 33.Ra2±)* 33.Rc2∓]
32.Re4 f5
[And not 32...Kxg7 33.Kf1±]
33.Re8+ Kxg7 34.Kf1 Rxc3 35.Ke2 Rxa3 ...Ra2+ would now be deadly.
36.Nd3 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Ra3 38.Rd8 -4.26/21
[⌓38.Ke2 -2.76/22 Bd4 39.Re7+ Kg8 40.Rd7]
38...Rc3 ...a3 is the strong threat.
39.Kf4? -6.07/21
[39.Rd7+ -2.60/20 Kf6 40.Ke2]
39...a3 Black is clearly winning. **40.Rd7+ Kf8 41.Ne5 a2 42.Kxf5 a1Q**
[Worse is 42...a1B 43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Rd8+ Bf8

46.Nd7=]
43.Rd8+ Kg7 Threatens to win with ... Qb1+. **44.Rd7+ Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.18 (very precise) .
Mistake: White=7
Black=1
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=2
OK: White=12
Black=16
Best: White=4
Black=4
Strong: ---
Black=4
0-1

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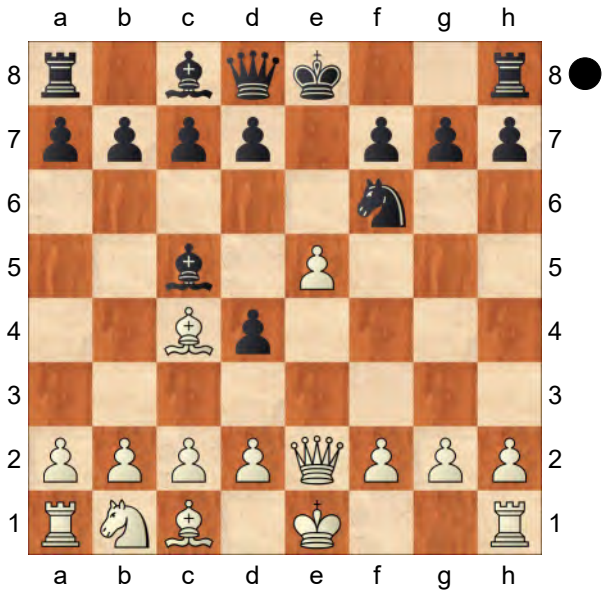
□ **Pink,J** **2650**
■ **Kavakul,M** **2635**
UKR-ch 73rd 3rd-4th 1989
[MH]

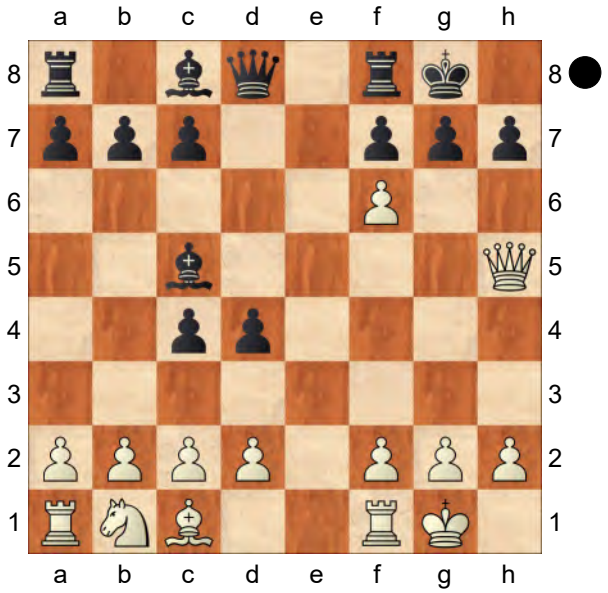
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Qe2 -0.11/23
[6.0-0± 0.40/24]
6...Bc5 7.e5 -0.84/21
[7.d3= 0.03/21]

(Diagram)

7...0-0!∓ 8.0-0
[8.exf6? Re8 9.0-0 Rxe2 10.Bxe2 Qxf6-+]
8...d5! Black is slightly better. **9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qh5** -1.53/23
[White should play 10.Qxc4 -0.72/22 Qd6 11.Qe2]

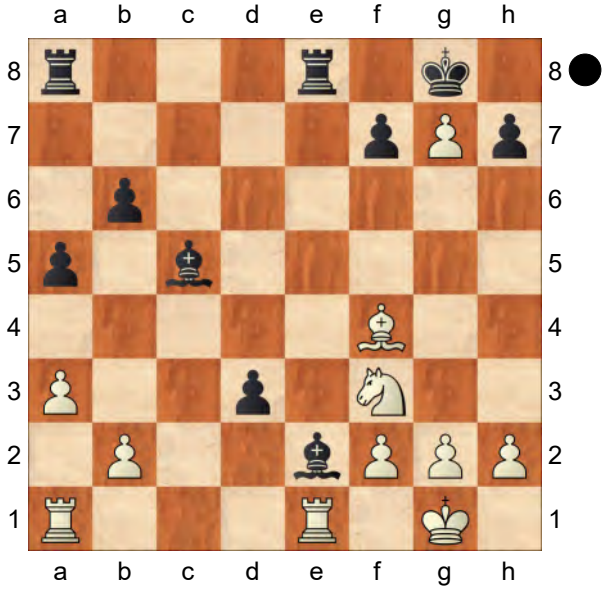
(Diagram)





10...b6! 11.fxg7 Re8 ...d3! would now be deadly. **12.d3 cxd3 13.cxd3 Ba6** -1.12/21
[Better is 13...Qf6 -1.51/22
White must now prevent ...Ba6!
14.Bg5 Qxg7]
14.Qf3 Qe7 Strongly threatening ...Qe2! Really sharp! **15.Bf4** -1.71/22
[15.Nd2∓ -1.11/23 keeps fighting.
Qe2 *(15...Kxg7 16.Ne4±)* 16.Qxe2 Rxe2 17.Ne4]
15...Qe2!-+
[15...Kxg7 16.Nd2±]

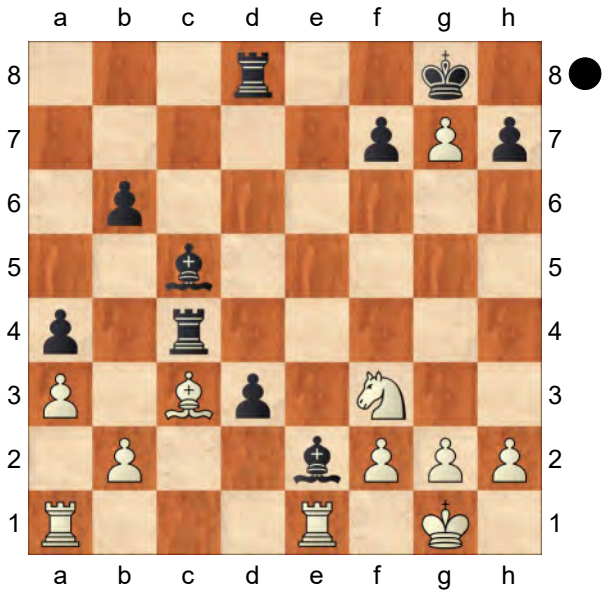
16.Nd2 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 Bxd3 18.Rfe1 Be2 A strong pair of Bishops.
[18...Kxg7 19.Be5+ Kg8 20.Bf6=]
19.Bxc7 d3
[19...Kxg7 20.Be5+ Rxe5 21.Nxe5∓]
20.a3 a5 Black has strong compensation. **21.Bf4** -2.29/20
[⌓21.Be5 -1.70/20]



21...Re4!
[21...Kxg7 22.Be5+ Kg6 23.h3]
22.Bd2 Rae8
[22...Kxg7 23.Rab1]
23.Bc3 -3.20/27
[23.b4 -1.93/19 was called for. axb4 24.axb4 Bxb4 25.Bxb4 Rxb4 26.g3]
23...a4 White is weak on the light squares **24.Ng5 Rc4** And now ...Rxc3! would win. **25.Rad1?** -4.10/25
[25.Nf3 -2.42/22]
25...Rc8 26.Ra1 Rd8 Hoping for ... Rxc3! **27.Nf3**

(Diagram)

Rxc3! 28.bxc3 d2!
[28...Kxg7 29.Ra2=]



29.Rxe2 d1Q+
[29...d1B 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Nxd2+-]
30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ Endgame. KRB-KRN
31.Ne1 Rc1
[Not 31...Bxa3 32.Kf1∓]
32.Re4 -4.25/27
[⌓32.Kf1 -2.74/22]
32...f5
[Weaker is 32...Kxg7 33.Kf1±]
33.Re8+ Kxg7 34.Kf1 Rxc3 35.Ke2 Rxa3 36.Nd3 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Ra3
38.Rd8 -4.62/23
[38.Ke2 -2.46/21 is the only way for White.]
38...Rc3 -2.52/20
[⌓38...Kf6 -4.62/23 39.Ke2 Ra2+ 40.Ke1 a3]
39.Kf4? -5.87/21
[39.Ke2 -2.52/20 is tougher.]
39...a3 Black is clearly winning. **40.Rd7+ Kf8 41.Ne5 a2 42.Kxf5 a1Q**
[Stronger than 42...a1B 43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Rd8+ Bf8 46.Nd7=]
43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.22 (precise) .
Mistake: White=9

Black=2
Inaccurate: White=1
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OK: White=10
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Best: White=5
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Strong: ---
Black=4
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□ **Huebner,Robert 2610**
■ **Kortschnoj,Viktor Lvovich 2630**
Interpolis 11th (3) 18.09.1987
[Papp,Petra]

Hübner was a great German player. From his achievements, I would like to mention a few which are outstanding:
- he played in four candidates tournaments for the World Championship
- he won many chess tournaments
- he was one of the world's leading players in the 1970s and early 1980s
- he is the originator of the Hübner Variation of the Nimzo-Indian Defence: 1. d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 c5 5. ♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♗xc3+.

Annotating this game, I would like to show how well he understood the Open Spanish which he won several games with. His opponent was the great Viktor Korchnoi, who almost won the world champion medal against Karpov.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Bc4 Nf6 Apart from the French Defence, the Open Spanish was the favourite of Korchnoi. **6.Qe2 Bc5 7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4** The tabiya position of the line. Black has different moves.
[9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.0-0 c6 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Qd1 Qg6 13.f4 d5 14.f5 *(14.exd5 Bg4 15.Nf3 Re3 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Rf2?! Rae8)* 14...Qd6 *(14...Qg5 15.exd5 Bxf5 16.dxc6 bxc6)* 15.Bb3 Bb4 16.f6 g6 17.Qe2 Ba5 18.Qf2 Bg4 19.Rae1 *(19.h3 Bc7)* 19...Rad8]
9...g5 10.Bg3 d5 11.Bb3 Re8?! 12.Nd2 a5 13.a4! Hübner improves on the game he played against Korchnoi one year earlier. The best is to play immediately ♘f1-e3 followed by ♘f5.
13...Be6 14.0-0
[14.e5 Bg4 15.f3 Bf5 16.0-0 Nh5]
14...Ra6
[14...dxe4 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.dxe4 Qd5 17.Qb5 Qc6]
15.Rae1?!
[15.e5 Bg4! 16.f3 Bf5]
15...dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bb4?? Probably Korchnoi missed the 2nd move of the combination. **18.Re2!!** A typical Greek gift sacrifice, but what I like in this combination is that White is not playing ♘g5 immediately, but with a nice intermediate idea with e5-e6.
18...Re7 19.Qf3! Blocking the h3-c8 diagonal is a very strong move. Korchnoi immeidately resigned the game, respecting his opponent - and indeed the position is lost already. let me demonstrate with a few lines how the combination works. **19...Bxb3?! 20.cxb3!∞ Rxe2! 21.Qxe2 Re6 22.Qf3 c6!+-** Regaining the piece. Black has no defence, his king is very weak. **23.h4 gxh4+- 24.Qg4+ Qg5!+- 25.Qxh4!** Two years later the Israeli IM Zak Uriel improved the variation, but Hübner, with great technique, won a drawish endgame. **25...Qxh4 26.Bxh4 Re2**

27.f4 Rxb2 28.Bf6 Rxb3 29.Rf3! Bf8 30.f5 c5 31.Rf1 Rxd3 32.Rb1 c4 33.Rxb7 c3 White has better prospects as he can create a passed pawn on the kingside, while Black's queenside pawns are stopped thanks to the b4-pawn. With outstanding techique, Hübner won the endgame, let's see it: **34.Rc7 Bg7! 1-0**

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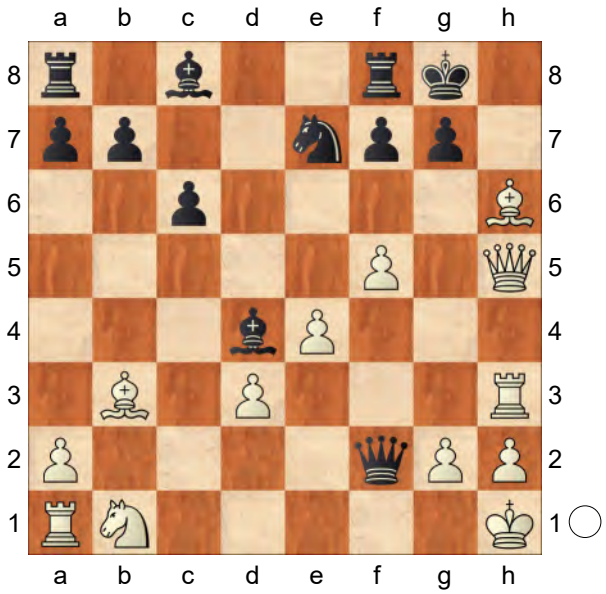
☐	**Den Hamer,Adri M**	**2605**
■	**6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♕b2 8**	**2450**
Gothenburg Manhem-A		1987

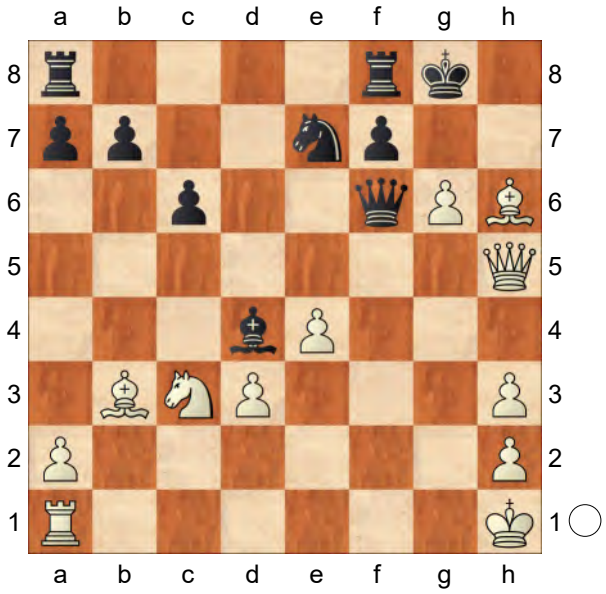
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.f5
[9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7 21.Ba2 Qb4 22.Rah3 Qxb2 23.Qf4 Ng8 Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10. g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0]
9...dxe4N
[9...Qc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 23.Ra5 Qe5 24.Rfa1 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700 (2440) American op 51st 2015 (3) 1-0]
10.dxe4 0-0 White is slightly better.
11.Bb3 Bd6 1.42/18
[⌓11...b6 0.84/18]
12.Qh5 And now Bg5 would win.
[12.Qxd4? Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qxd4-+]
12...d3 2.01/19 **13.cxd3+-**
[13.f6?! gxf6 14.Bh6 *(14.cxd3 Ng6±; 14.Rxf6 Be6=)* 14...dxc2±]
13...Be5 14.Rf3 1.52/19
[Better is 14.Kh1+- 1.92/19]
14...Qd4+ 2.50/20
[14...g6± 1.52/19 15.Qg5 Qd4+ 16.Rf2 Bf6]
15.Be3?? -2.07/20
[15.Kh1+- 2.50/20 was the only winning move. Black must now prevent Rh3. g6 16.fxg6 Nxg6 17.Nc3]
15...Qxb2-+ 16.Rh3 h6
[Stronger than 16...Qxa1 17.Qxh7#]
17.Bxh6 Bd4+
[And not 17...Qxa1 18.Bc1 Qd4+ 19.Kh1]
18.Kh1 Bg5 would kill now. **18...Qf2??** 6.43/20
[Weaker is 18...Qxa1 19.Bc1 Qxb1 20.Qh8#]
[18...Nxf5-+ -2.47/24 19.Bxg7 Qc1+ 20.Bd1 Kxg7 *(20...Bxg7 21.Qh7#)*]



19.Nc3!+- Threatening mate with Bg5. Deflection, Back Rank. White is clearly winning. **19...g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3**

21.gxh3 Be3! would now be deadly.
21...Qf6



22.Be3!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.84.
Missed win: White=1 Black=1
Mistake: White=1 Black=3
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2
OK: White=4 Black=2
Best: White=1 Black=2
1-0

C61

□	**Spassky,Boris Vasilievich**	**2605**
■	**Barua,Dibyendu**	**2450**
(open) 44/(391)		1987

[Thipsay,Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D]

Chetverik & Raetsky: 'As Spassky was growing up, he benefited from being trained by Alexander Tolush who was known as a very aggressive player. Indeed, according to legend Tolush wouldn't analyse Spassky's games with him, unless he had sacrificed some form of material in them! This desire to sacrifice undoubtedly helped Spassky become an even better tactician and was to stay with him throughout his career.'
Thipsay,P; Barua,D: 'Inf 44/(391)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 Ne7**
[7...d6 %03'better is' 8.f4 f5 9.Nd2 Nf6]
8.f4! Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Thipsay, Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: '!'' **8...d5**
[8...f5 9.Bb3 *(9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qh6 Ng8* !? *11.Qg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6±)* 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+
A) 11...Kf7 12.Nd2 g6 13.Nf3 Kg7 14.Bd2 Qd6 15.Bxd5 cxd5 *(15...Qxd5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Re7+ Kf6 18.Qe1 h6 19.Ng5+-* Kaiumov *)* 16.Qe2± Kaiumov - Egin, USSR 1988;
B) 11...Ne3 ? 12.Bxe3 dxe3 13.c3 e2+ 14.d4+-;
C) 11...Be7 12.Qe2 Kf7 13.Nd2 Bf6 14.Nc4 b5 *(14...Re8* ?? *15.Nd6++-)* 15.Ne5+ Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Re8 17.Qxe8+ Qxe8 18.Rxe8 Kxe8 19.a4±;
D) 11...Kf8 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 Bg7 16.Nf3± Kamsky - Ivanchuk, Tilburg 1990]
9.f5 * * Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Thipsay, Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: '*'' **9...dxe4**
[9...f6 10.Qh5+ Kf8 11.Kh1 ! Bd7 12.c3 Be8 13.Qh4 dxe4 14.dxe4± Kindermann - Tatai, Budapest 1987]
[9...g6 10.f6 Ng8 11.exd5 b5 12.Qe1+ Kf8 13.b4 !? Bb6 14.Bb3 cxd5 15.Bxd5 !$18 Kindermann - Lorenz, Berlin 1987]

10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5! Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Thipsay,Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: '!"
[12.Nd2±]
[12.f6 ?! gxf6 13.Rxf6 Ng6∞]
12...d3?! This seems a little desperate; Chetverik & Raetsky: 'This seems a little desperate;'
[12...Be5 13.Nd2± Barua]
[12...Qa5!? , with the idea of 13.Nd2 Be6!? , was worth trying, although White would still have retained a certain advantage.]
13.cxd3 Be5
[13...Bc5+? 14.Kh1 Qxd3? ? 15.Rd1 Qxe4 16.Qxf7++- Rxf7 17.Rd8#]
14.Rf3!± Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Thipsay, Praveen Mahadeo; Barua,D: '**±**!"
14...Qd4+ 15.Be3 ? '?' ? Chetverik & Raetsky: '?' '?' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '?'
[White would have had a winning position after Chetverik & Raetsky: 'White would have had a winning position after' 15.Kh1± , but Spassky was evidently determined to create a miniature in the manner of which he had been taught by Tolush. Chetverik & Raetsky: ', but Spassky was evidently determined to create a miniature in the manner of which he had been taught by Tolush.']
15...Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 Diagram Thipsay, P; Barua,D: 'Diagram' **17.Bxh6** '!' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '!' **17...Bd4+**
[17...Nxf5
A) 18.Bd2 Nh6-+;
B) 18.exf5 gxh6 19.Qg6+ Bg7 20.Rg3 Bxf5 *(20...Qxa1 21.f6 Qxb1+ 22.Kf2 Qc2+* ! *23.Kf3 Qd1+ 24.Kf4 Qc1+ 25.Re3 Qf1+ =)* 21.Qxf5 Qxa1 22.Qg4 Rfe8-+;
C) 18.Bxg7 Qc1+ ! 19.Kf2 Kxg7 20.exf5 Bd4+ 21.Ke2 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Rae8+ 23.Kf3 Re3+ 24.Kg4 Rxh3 25.Kxh3 Qh6+ 26.Kg4 Bxa1-+]
[17...gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rd8 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qxf7#]
[17...Qxa1 18.Bc1!]
18.Kh1 Qf2 ? '??' Now the tables turn again. ? Chetverik & Raetsky: '??' '??' Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Now the tables turn again.' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '??'
[Black would have retained a decisive advantage by returning some material: Chetverik & Raetsky: 'Black would have retained a decisive advantage by returning some material:' 18...Nxf5 ! '!' ! Chetverik & Raetsky: '!' '!' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '!' 19.Bxg7 *(19.exf5 gxh6 20.Qxh6 Bxf5-+* and White's attack is over. Chetverik & Raetsky: 'and White's attack is over.' *)* 19...Qc1+ ! 20.Bd1 Kxg7 21.Nc3 Qh6-+]
19.Nc3 ! **19...g6**
[19...Bxc3 20.Be3+-]
[19...Bxf5 20.Be3+-]
20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 ! **21...Qf6** White is winning and Spassky found the most aesthetic route. Chetverik & Raetsky: 'White is winning and Spassky found the most aesthetic route.'
[21...Bxc3 22.Be3]
22.Be3 ! 1-0 (22) Spassky Boris V (FRA)-Barua Dibyendu (IND) New York (USA) 1987 '!' ! 1-0 (22) Spassky Boris V (FRA)-Barua Dibyendu (IND) New York (USA) 1987 Chetverik & Raetsky: '!' '!' Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '!' Thipsay,P; Barua, D: '1-0 (22) Spassky-Barua New York 1987' ! 1-0 (22) Spassky Boris V (FRA)-Barua Dibyendu (IND) New York (USA) 1987 Thipsay,P; Barua,D: '1-0 (22) Spassky,B-Barua,D New York 1987'
[Black resigned because of Chetverik

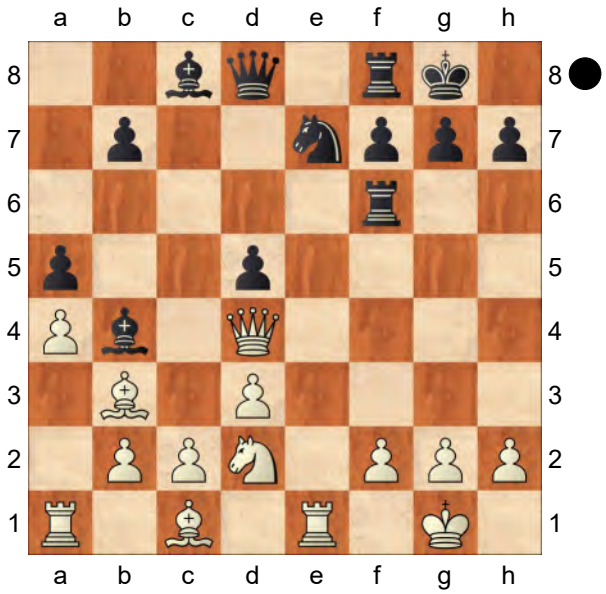
& Raetsky: 'Black resigned because of' 22.Be3 ! Nxg6 *(22...Qxg6 23.Rg1+-)* 23.Rg1 *(23.Bxd4 Qxd4 24.Qxg6+ Qg7 25.Qf5+- Kh8 26.Rg1 Qh6 27.Rg5* and White wins the entire opposition army. *)* 23...Bxe3 24.Rxg6++-]

		C61
□	**Buchicchio,Gianpaolo**	**2405**
■	**7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5**	**2455**
corr 145/86		1986

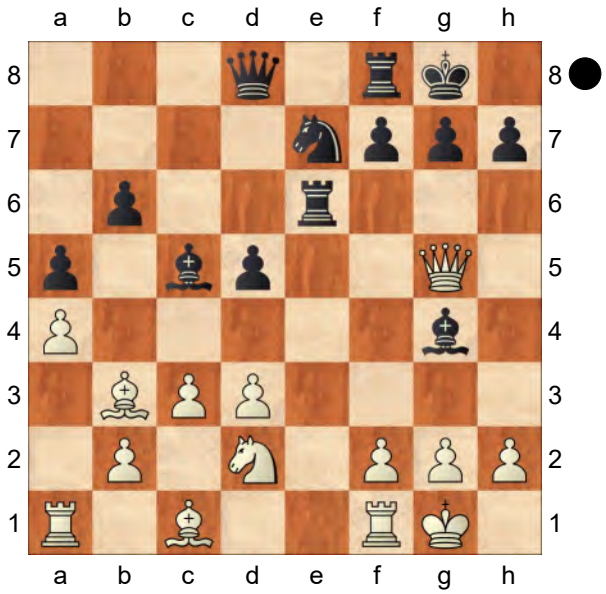
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Re1N
[10.c4 0-0 11.Nd2 Be6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qh5 a5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd7 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]
[10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 f5 22.Nf3 Rh6 23.Qg3 Rg8 24.Nxd4 Qf6 Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0]
10...0-0 11.Nd2 a5 Hoping for ...a4.
12.a4 The position is equal. **12...Bb4**
13.Qf3 -1.00/21
[13.h3= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
13...Ra6!∓ 14.Qf4 -1.79/21
[14.Re5∓ -0.90/19]
14...Rf6!-+ 15.Qxd4

(Diagram)



b6! And now ...Bc5 would win. **16.Rf1 Bc5** Black has strong compensation.
17.Qe5 Bg4 Repels Nf3 **18.c3** -2.43/20
[18.h3 -1.64/19 is a better defense. Bd6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.hxg4]
18...Re6? -0.58/22
[18...Bd6-+ -2.43/20 19.Qd4 Qd7]
19.Qg5 -2.47/22
[19.Qg3∓ -0.58/22 Be2 20.Nf3]



Now White is beyond hope. **19...Rg6!**
20.Qf4 -4.15/22
[20.Qh4 -2.25/22 Qc7 21.Qg3]

20...Bh3 21.g3 Rf6 22.Qh4 Bxf1 23.Nxf1 Bxf2+
[23...Rxf2 24.d4 Re2 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.Bd1=]
24.Kg2 h6 Wards off Bg5 **25.d4 Nf5 26.Qg4 Re8 27.Bf4** -5.02/23
[⩲27.Bc2 -3.49/21 Ne3+ 28.Bxe3 Bxe3 29.Kh1]
27...Ne3+ Black is clearly winning.
28.Nxe3 Bxe3 29.Be5 -6.88/26
[⩲29.Kh1 -4.70/21 Bxf4 30.gxf4]
29...Rf2+ 30.Kh1 f6
[Not 30...Rxb2 31.Qxg7#]
31.Re1 fxe5 32.Rxe3 Rxb2 33.c4 exd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.26 (precise) .
Loses game: White=1 ---
Missed win: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=6 ---
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1
OK: White=8 Black=13
Best: --- Black=1
Strong: --- Black=3
0-1

C61

□ **Alet,Jean Pierre**
■ **Guyot,Philippe**
FRA-ch60 Championnat (11) 28.08.1985
[Villeneuve,A/Primel,D]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4
[4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.b4 Bxb4 *(6...Bb6)* 7.Bb2]
4...Bc5
[4...Nxf3+]
5.Nxd4 Bxd4!? Une idée intéressante du GMI neerlandais DONNER jouée dans les années 60 et cette ligne secondaire pose problème aux noirs lorsqu'ils sont mal préparés. Curieusement, c'est une variante relativement peu populaire au niveau amateur car la majorité des joueurs suivant ce système dépasse les 2300, probablement car c'est une ligne assez sophistiquée **6.c3!** La ligne critique du système "g6" **6...Bb6 7.d4 Qe7!? 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1**
[9.a4 a6 10.Be3 Nxe4 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd5 Nf6 13.dxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Rb8 16.Nd2 b5 17.Qd4 bxa4 18.Ne4 Kh8 19.Re2 a3 20.b4 a5 21.bxa5 Rb5 22.Ng3 Rxa5 23.Nf5]
9...d6N 10.Qd3?! Ce plan "b4" est assez douteux
[10.Nd2
A) 10...0-0 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.a4
A1) 12...a5?? 13.d5 Nh5 14.h3 Bd7 15.Ng5 *(15.b4)* 15...Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Nf3 Rae8 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5
A1a) 19...Qc5 20.Nxd7 Qxf2+ *(20...Qxc4)* 21.Kh1∞ f3 22.Rg1?! Bezsilko,P (2080)-Guyot,P (2090) FRA-ch 60th Clermont Ferrand 1985 (6.14) 1-0 Re3 23.Qf1 *(23.Nxf8 fxg2+ 24.Rxg2 Rxh3+)* 23...Qxb2;
A1b) 19...Bxh3⇄ 20.gxh3 Kagan,S (2425)-Lobron,E (2440) Randers zt-A 1982 (8) 0-1 Qg5+ 21.Ng4!? h5 22.Qf3 hxg4!? 23.hxg4?! f5 24.d6+ Kh7 25.d7 Rd8 26.Be6!?;
A2) 12...c6 13.a5↑;

B) 10...exd4 11.cxd4⩲ Bxd4 12.Nf3 Bb6 13.e5]
[10.a4 a6 11.a5 Ba7 12.h3 h6 *(12...0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Kh7 15.Na3 g5 16.Bg3 Ne8 17.Nc2 Ng7 18.Ne3 c6 19.b3 f6 20.Ra2 Bd7 21.Rd2 Rad8 22.Be2 Bb8 23.Qc2 Be8 24.Bg4 Bg6 25.Bf5 Nxf5 26.Nxf5 Qe6 27.Red1)* 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nd2 Be6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Bxa7 Rxa7]

10...h6
[⌓10...exd4 11.cxd4 d5]

11.a4 a5! 12.Na3 0-0=
[12...exd4 13.cxd4 d5 ≤14.Bb5+
A) 14...Kf8∓ 15.e5! c6 *(15...Ne4 16.f3→* l'activité des pièces noires est impressionnante et typique des positions avec "g6" lorsque les blancs jouent de manière imprécise *)* 16.Qd1 Ng4 17.f3 cxb5 *(17...Qh4∓ 18.fxg4!?= cxb5!? 19.Nxb5 Bxg4 20.g3 Bxd1 21.gxh4 Bg4! 22.Bd2* bizarrement, c'est presque le seul coup jouable pour les blancs! *Bd7↑ 23.Bc3 Bxb5∓ 24.axb5 ⌓Ke7!)*;
B) 14...c6 15.Bxh6!? Nxe4 16.Bxg7 Rxh2 17.Kxh2 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Qxf2+ 19.Kh2 Qh4+]

13.Nc2 c6! 14.Be3?! justifie la place de la ♖b1 mais "b4" est plutôt une faiblesse qu'une force
[14.f4 d5?]
[14.Qg3 Kh8 15.f3 *(15.b3)* 15...Nh5]

14...Bc7
[14...exd4 15.Bxd4 La partie n'est pas finie avec deux ♙ passés en compensation mais le ♔ blanc est bien passé. Bxd4 16.cxd4]

15.Rad1 Bd7
[15...d5]

16.dxe5 dxe5 17.b4
[17.f3 Rfd8]

17...Rfd8! 18.Bc5? Qe8! 19.Qe3 Ng4
[19...Nh5 20.Bb6! Bxb6 21.Qxb6 axb4 22.cxb4 ⌓Rxa4 Comme souvent, la centralisation du ♔ améliore la position. ⌓23.Qxb7 Nf4 24.Rd6 Raa8 25.Red1! Be6]

20.Qg3 Be6?! 21.Bxe6! gagne un tempo important
[21.Bf1 b6]

21...Qxe6 22.f3 Nf6 23.Ne3!? g6
[23...b6 24.Nf5 Nh5? Perd un tempo important 25.Qg4! bxc5 26.Qxh5 axb4! 27.cxb4 cxb4 28.Qg4 Bb6+⇄ 29.Kh1 Qf6]

24.b5 cxb5! Force "f3" qui affaiblit les cases noires. **25.axb5 b6 26.Ba3 Kh7 27.c4 Bd6 28.Bxd6 Rxd6 29.Nd5** A noter que le 10ème coup 10.♖b1, cette ♖ n'a servi à rien et n'a plus bougé! **29...Rc8** Menace ♖d4 mais perd le contrôle de la 8ème rangée et le ♙ passé peut-être dangereux **30.Rc1 Rdd8 31.Qf2 Rc5 32.f4 Nxe4 33.Rxe4 Rdxd5 34.Rf1 Rd7 35.fxe5 Kg7?!** tentant mais faux car les noirs perdent une défenseur important de la case "b7"
[35...f5?]

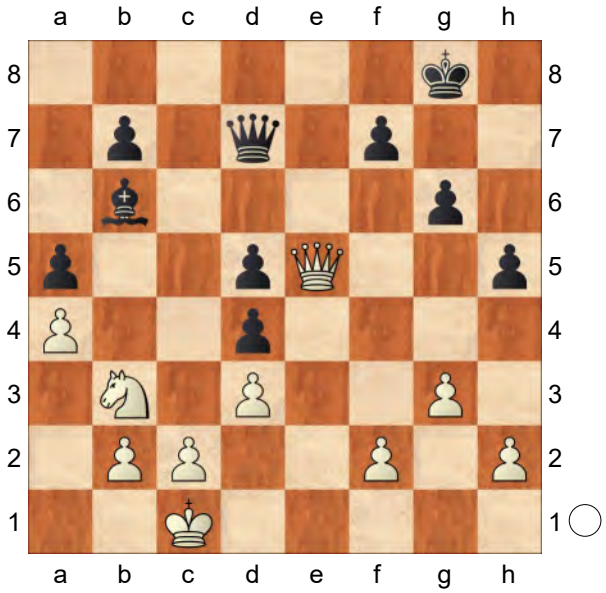
36.Qe2 Re7 37.Rf6! Qd7? 38.Rxb6 Rcxe5
½-½

C61

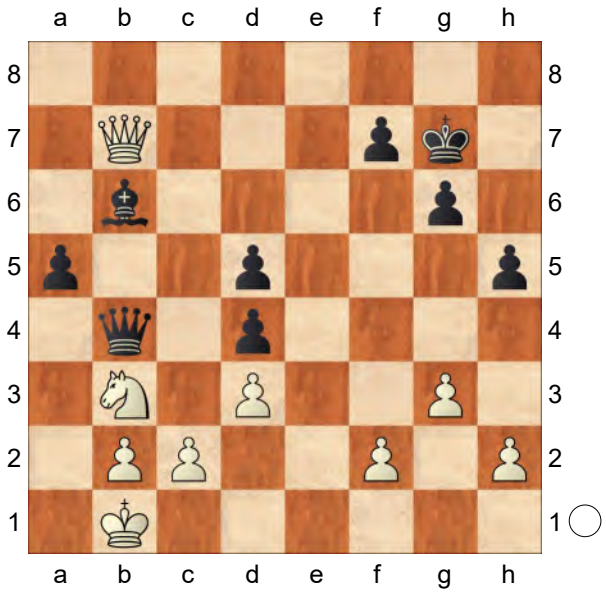
□ **De Gregorio,Alexis**
■ **Batoru**
Jarnoltowek 90/30 1985
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 41/(377)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**

3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 White has an edge.
12...Bb6 13.Bg5 Threatens to win with Bxe7. **13...0-0N**
[13...f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ *(15.a4 0-0 16.Re1 Ng6 17.h3 Rfc8* Lanc,A-Tseshkovsky,V 41/(377) Trnava 1986 *)* 15...g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kg7 21.Nc1 Rac8 22.c3 Rf7 23.Qh3 h5 24.Ne2 g5 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 25.Ng3 Nxg3 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.hxg3 Kf7 28.Kf1 Rh8 29.cxd4 Bxd4 30.Bxa5 Bxb2 31.Rab1 Bd4 32.Rb5 h4 33.gxh4 Rxh4 34.Reb1 Re7 35.Kg1 Rf4 36.Bb6 Bxb6 37.Rxb6 Rxa4 38.Rxb7 Ra3 39.d4 Rd3 Majewski,J (2580)-9.♗f3 ♕c7 10.♗e3 69246 (2630) (ch) 93/(156) 2004 ½-½]
14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Qh5 Rac8 17.Re2 Rfd8 18.Rae1 h6 0.83/23
[18...g6= 0.25/24 19.Qh6 a5]
19.g3 Rc6 1.21/24
[⌓19...a5 0.79/25]
20.a4!± a5 21.Re8+ 0.66/24
[21.h4!± 1.35/22]
21...Rxe8± 22.Rxe8+ Kh7 23.Re2
[23.Qxd5 Rxc2 24.Qe4+ g6∓]
23...Re6 24.Kf1 Rxe2 25.Kxe2 Endgame. KQB-KQN **25...Qe6+ 26.Kd1 Qd7 27.Qf3 Kg8 28.Qf4** 0.01/23
[28.Kc1± 0.67/24]
28...h5 0.63/22
[28...Qxa4= 0.01/23 29.Qb8+ Kh7]
29.Kc1
[29.Nxd4 Qxa4∓]
29...g6 30.Qb8+
[30.Nxd4 Qxa4 31.c3 Bxd4 32.cxd4 Qa1+ 33.Kc2 Qa4+ 34.Kc3 Qe8=]
30...Kg7 31.Qe5+ Kg8



32.Kb1!
[32.Nxd4?! Bc7 33.Qf6 Qxa4=]
32...Qxa4 33.Qb8+ 0.69/24
[33.Qxd5± 1.13/26 Qb4 34.Qxb7]
33...Kg7 34.Qxb7 Qb4



35.Nc1! Qd6 36.Ne2 g5 Wards off Nf4
37.f4 Qe6 38.fxg5 Qxe2 39.Qxb6± KQ-KQ **39...Qd1+ 40.Ka2 Qxc2 41.Qxd4+**
[41.Qxa5?! Qxh2 42.Qe1 Qh3=]

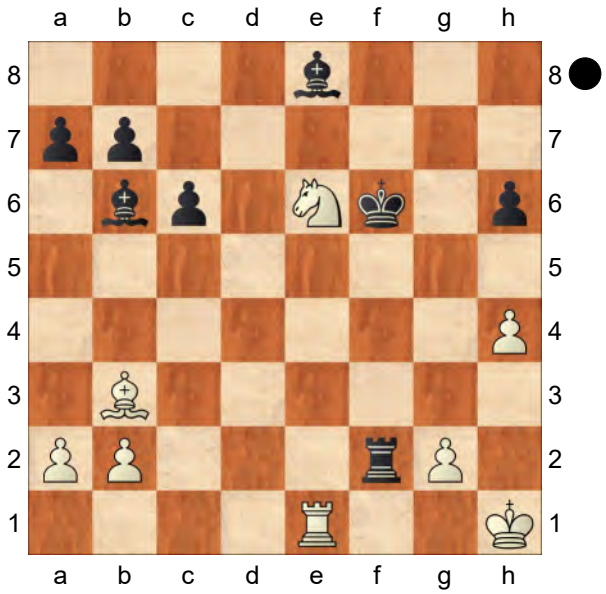
41...Kg8 42.h4
[Reject 42.Qxd5?! Qa4+ 43.Kb1 Qd1+ 44.Ka2 Qa4+ 45.Kb1 Qd1+ 46.Ka2 Qa4+=]
42...Qc6 43.g4 hxg4 44.Qxg4 Qb5 1.91/22
[44...Qc2± 0.96/23]
45.Qd4+- And now h5 would win. **45...a4 46.Qc3** Against Qb3+. Active counter play! **46...Kh7 47.h5 d4?** 3.38/24
[47...Kg8 1.83/21 was necessary. 48.Qc2 d4 49.Qc8+ Kg7]
48.Qc4
[Weaker is 48.Qxd4 Qb3+ 49.Ka1 Qd1+ 50.Ka2 Qb3+ 51.Kb1 Qd1+ 52.Ka2 Qb3+=]
48...Qd7
[48...Qxc4+ 49.dxc4 f5 50.gxf6 Kg8 51.h6 d3 52.Kb1 Kh7 53.f7]
49.Ka3 Hoping for Qxf7+! **49...Qe7+ 50.Kxa4** Black must now prevent Qxf7+! **50...Qa7+ 51.Kb4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise) .
Mistake: White=3 Black=5
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3
OK: White=14 Black=17
Best: White=7 Black=3
Strong: White=2 ---
1-0

C61
□ **Eolian Levon,S** **2470**
■ **Sardo,Gabriele** **2410**
45/(375) Wellington (9) 1980
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.d3
[7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 9.h3 Ne5 10.d3 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
7...d5
[7...d6 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.a3 Nd7 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 b6 16.Bd2 Bf6 17.Ba2 Rb8 18.Rab1 b5 19.Bb3 h6 20.Be1 b4 21.Qf5 Bg5 22.h4 10.♘c3 ♗e6 11.♘e5 f6 (2336)-Peek,M (2269) tm Russia 1960 (1) 1-0]
8.Bb3N 0.07/18
[8.exd5± 0.55/21 feels stronger. Nxd5 9.Re1+ *(9.Nd2 Be6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.f4 f5 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.Qf3 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Qe2 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Rf6 20.Rd1 Rd6 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxf5 Qf6 23.g4 Rd8* 2.c4 e5-6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Levice Toth Memorial 2019 (3) 0-1 *)* 9...Be6 10.Qh5 Qd7 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.Nd2 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Rac1 Nd4 Bird-5...c6 #3]
8...Bc5 0.49/20
[8...a5= 0.07/18 should be considered. 9.a4 Bb4 *(9...dxe4*

10.dxe4 Qc7 11.Qxd4±)]
9.Bg5 dxe4 0.73/22
[9...a5!= 0.15/20 remains equal.]
10.dxe4 White is better. **10...h6 11.Bh4** Strongly threatening e5. **11...g5 12.Bg3 Bg4**
[12...Nxe4? 13.Re1+-]
13.f3 Bh5 14.Nd2 Bg6 15.Nc4 White wants to play Bf2. **15...Qe7 16.e5 Nh5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.f4!**
[18.Bf2 Qxe5 19.Nc4 Qg7∓]
18...gxf4 19.Bxf4 Nxf4 20.Rxf4 Qxe5? 1.92/25
[20...Bxd6= 0.18/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.exd6 Qxd6]
21.Nxf7?? -3.05/26
[21.Rxf7+!+- 1.92/25 is the narrow road to win. Bxf7 22.Nxf7]
21...Qxf4-+ 22.Nxh8 Be8 23.Qf1 Qxf1+ 24.Rxf1+ Kg7 25.Nf7 d3+ 26.Kh1 dxc2 -1.71/21
[⌓26...d2 -2.92/22 27.Ne5 Bg6]
27.Ne5 Rd8 28.Bxc2 Rd2 29.Bb3 Re2 Prevents Re1.
[29...Rxb2 30.Nd3 Rxb3 31.axb3+-]
30.Nd3 Bd4 -1.05/22
[30...Bd6-+ -1.66/22 And now ...Bg6 would win. 31.Kg1 Bg6]
31.Nf4∓ Repels Bg6 **31...Rf2** Black is more active.
[31...Rxb2? 32.Ne6+ Kh7 33.Nxd4+-]
32.Ne6+ -1.51/24
[Better is 32.Rxf2 -1.01/25 Bxf2 33.Bc2]
32...Kf6 33.Re1 Bb6 Threatens to win with ...Bg6! **34.h4?** -3.03/23
[34.Nf8? Ba5 35.Rd1 b5-+ *(35...Rxb2? 36.Nd7+ Ke7 37.Nc5-+)*]
[34.g4∓ -1.15/23]

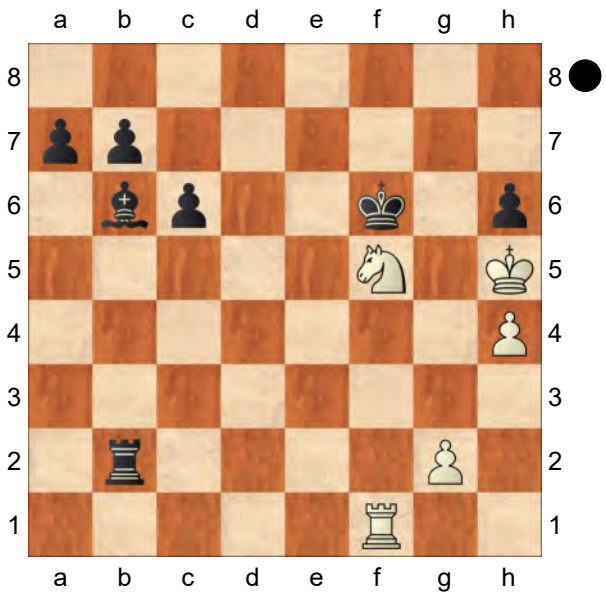
(Diagram)



34...Bh5!-+
[Weaker is 34...Rxb2 35.Nf4 Bd7 36.Nh5+ Kg6 37.Nf4+ Kf5 38.Re7∓]
35.Kh2 -3.31/20
[⌓35.Re4 -2.33/21]
35...Rxb2 36.Kh3 -3.40/25
[36.Rf1+ -2.32/23 was called for. Rf2 37.Rxf2+ Bxf2 38.Nd8]
36...Bf7 A strong pair of Bishops.
37.Rf1+ Ke7 38.Nd4 Nf5+ would now be deadly. **38...Bxb3 39.Nf5+ Kf6** -1.66/23
[⌓39...Ke6 -3.60/23 40.axb3 Rxb3+ 41.Kg4 a5]
40.axb3 Rxb3+ KRB-KRN **41.Kg4** -2.72/23
[⌓41.g3 -1.94/24 Ke6 42.Nxh6]
41...Rb2 42.Kh5? -6.30/23
[42.Nxh6+ -2.40/23 Kg6 43.Nf7]

(Diagram)

42...Rf2! Black is clearly winning.
[42...Rxg2? perishes. 43.Ne3+ *(43.Nxh6+?* too greedy. *Ke6-+)* 43...Ke6 44.Nxg2+-]
43.Rxf2 Bxf2 44.g4 a5 Hoping for ...



a4. **45.Nxh6 a4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.22 (precise) .
Loses game: White=1 Black=1
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=5 Black=5
Inaccurate: White=5 Black=1
OK: White=13 Black=16
Best: White=5 Black=6
Strong: White=1 Black=2
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□ **Kasparov,Garry**
■ **Roizman,A**
22: Sokolsky Memorial (2) 09.01.1978
[Garry Kasparov,MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4
I did not have any deep knowledge of the Bird Defence, but here the first few moves for White simply suggest themselves. **4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5**
[Avoiding the variation 5...c6 6.Bc4
A) 6...Nf6 7.Re1 d6 (Tsarenkov-Roizman, Moscow 1974), possibly because of 8.c3! .;
B) . And the direct 6...d5 (instead of 6...Nf6) 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Re1+ Ne7 is very risky in view of 10.c4! a6 (it is already hard to offer Black any good advice) 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0?! 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.b4! with a winning attack (Kasparov-Khalifman, Moscow (rapid) 2002). *(14.--)*;
C) 6...--]
6.d3
[Against Kupreichik (Daugavpils 1978) I tried the immediate 6.Bc4 (with the threat of Bxf7+) and after d6 – 7.b4!? *(*instead of the usual *7.d3)* 7...Bb6 *(*somewhat sounder than *7...Bxb4 8.Qh5 Qd7 9.Bxf7+!)* 8.a4 a6 *(8...a5!?)* 9.d3 Ne7 10.Qh5 0-0 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Nd2 with slightly the better game for White, but that was at the finish of the tournament and I was satisfied with a draw.]
6...c6 7.Bc4 (7)
[7.Ba4! is considered more unpleasant for Black, and if Ne7 *(7...d6 8.f4 f5!* became topical, when it is not clear how White can gain an advantage (Novik-Meister, 48th USSR Championship, Moscow 1991) *)* , then 8.f4 with the threat of f4-f5; *(*the more modest *8.Nd2 d5* was played in Karpov-Kupreichik, 44th USSR Championship, Moscow 1976 *)* 8...f5 9.Bb3! d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ beginning a direct attack on the king (Kamsky-Ivanchuk, Tilburg

1990).]

But I withdrew my bishop to c4 without particular hesitation, since I had already played this, and – more importantly – I remembered a game recently published in the Riga magazine 'Shakhmaty', where White quickly advanced e4-e5. This idea was imprinted in my mind, and I decided to employ it.

7...d6

[Black solves his opening problems with 7...d5!? (this has been played several times by Kupreichik and Tseshkovsky, and back in 1876 – by Henry Bird himself!). However, as I anticipated, in a game with a junior Roizman was aiming for more complicated play.]

8.f4 (3)

'Typical of Kasparov's style: he begins active play at the first opportunity' (Botvinnik).

[It would appear that the master was expecting 8.c3 Nf6 , as in my game with Gorelov (Vilnius 1975), where White did not achieve anything from the opening.]

[Lothar Schmid's move 8.Qh5!? is objectively stronger, but I was aiming for 'the position from the magazine'.]

8...Nf6 9.e5 (2)

[This breakthrough, rather than 9.f5 , when d5! 10.exd5 cxd5 is good.]

[Even so, more chances of an advantage are promised by the developing 9.Nd2 (a move of 1998).]

9...dxe5?!

[Of course, ' 9...Nd5 was more cautious, not allowing the opening of the f-file' (Botvinnik). After 10.Bxd5 cxd5 Black has a solid position (Barle-Stoica, Bucharest 1976).]

[The sharper 9...Ng4 is also interesting: 10.h3 *(* it is bad to play *10.Bxf7+? Kxf7 11.e6+ Bxe6 12.f5 Qh4! 13.fxe6+ Ke7 14.h3 Ne3* and wins, Bashkov-Meister, Taby 1991 *)*

A) , and now 10...Ne3?! 11.Bxe3 dxe3 12.d4 Bb6 13.c3;

B) , or 10...d5 11.hxg4 dxc4 12.Nd2 (h5 13.f5!) is better for White;

C) , but 10...Nh6 (Stohl) 11.exd6 (otherwise ...d6-d5) 0-0 12.Nd2 *(12.g4!?)* 12...Bxd6 13.Ne4 Nf5 is not so clear.;

D) 10...--]

10.Bxf7+!? I could not resist the temptation to land a spectacular blow at this weak point.

[However, 10.fxe5! Nd5 *(10...Bg4? 11.Bxf7+)* 11.Nd2 (Stohl) was stronger, with rapid development and excellent attacking prospects, for example: 0-0 *(11...Ne3? 12.Bxf7+)* 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Qh5 Be6 14.Bg5 Kh8 15.Rae1 , and if Qc7? , then 16.Bf6! . This is why Black should not have opened the f-file.]

10...Kxf7 11.fxe5 'Now Black is deprived of the right to castle, and White will have the superior pawn formation, but most importantly – great complications begin. However, Roizman succeeds in repelling the first onslaught. ' (Botvinnik)

11...Qd5!

[After this Black practically equalises (in contrast to Stohl's variation 11...Be7?! 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Bg5), and it is comparatively easy for him to defend.]

12.exf6 gxf6 13.Nd2 Rg8

'Black demonstrates that he has his own

play – on the g-file' (Botvinnik). Roizman was apparently relying on this and on his two bishops, assuming that these factors would fully compensate for the defects of his pawn structure.

14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bf4 (6) **15...Rg6 16.Qe2** (13)

[16.Qd2!? was slightly more accurate – White could have gained a tempo for his development, since Bg4 would not have attacked anything.]

16...Bg4 17.Qf2 Rag8 'Black himself plays for an attack, but he leaves his king in a dangerous position.

[17...Kg7 0.93/18 17...Rag8 0.09 followed by ...Kh8 suggests itself' (Botvinnik).]

[Or 17...Kg8 18.Rae1 Be6 1.05/21 and ...Re8. *(18...Rf8±* 0.61/22 *)*]

18.Rae1 Also completing his development. 'White displays enviable coolness: he does not fear an attack on the g2-pawn, since he can block the g-file with a minor piece. Therefore Black includes his h7-pawn in the play.' (Botvinnik)

18...h5?! 1.26/21 Overestimating his attacking possibilities, Roizman forgets about the weakness of his own king!

['After 18...Kg7 0.93/22 18...Be6 0.00 Black must reckon with the unpleasant 19.c4 *(* or *19.c3!?* . *)*]

[However, 18...Be6! is more in keeping with the previous move; then 19.Bg3 h5!

A) the game is also roughly equal after 20.Re2 h4 0.59/22 *(20...Bg4!=* 0.00/22 *21.Rd2 Rf8)* 21.Bxh4± Rxg2+ 22.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 23.Rxg2 f5! 24.Bxe7 0.24/19 *(24.Bg5±* 0.67/24 *)* 24...Kxe7= 25.Rg7+ Kd8 26.Rxb7 Qxa2;

B) 20.Qf4 Against f5 20...f5! gives chances for both sides' (Stohl). Say, 21.h4! *(21.Qc7* -0.85/22 21.h4 0.00 *Ke8!)* 21...R8g7 (with the idea of ...Kg8) *(21...Rg4!? 22.Qc7□ Qd7=)* 22.Qb8 Rg8 Wards off Rf3 23.Qc7 Qd7 with equality *(* but not now *23...Ke8?* 2.14/27 23...Qd7 0.00 *24.Ng5!* .

It seemed to Roizman that Black had no serious problems and that he would be able to play ...Be6 a move later, but my reply threw him into confusion. *)*]

[18...Be6!= 0.00/21 19.Bg3 h5]

19.Bg5!± (9)

Blocking the g-file and piling up on the weak f6-point.

['Just when the opponent was beginning to feel confident, White lands an unexpected blow – 19.Bg5? Rxg5? 4.10/20 *(* or *19...Bh3?* 3.59/22 19...Be6 0.96 *20.Nxf6!* – G.K.*;* *19...Be6±* 0.95/22 is a better chance. *20.Kh1 Rf8)* , fails to 20.Nxf6! , when Black's position collapses. The insecure position of his king begins to tell.' (Botvinnik)]

[The tempting 19.Bd6?! -0.10/20 19.Bg5 1.43 would have been much weaker in view of Be6! 20.Bxe7 Rxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Kxe7 23.Rxf6 *(23.Kg1 Kd8!)* 23...Qxa2 24.Rh6 Ng5 is the strong threat. Kd8 , when Black is alright.]

Here my opponent sank for a long time into agonising thought...

19...Qd8 1.46/21 (67)

A psychologically difficult decision – withdrawing the queen from the centre to the rear.

[The commentators recommended 19...Be6 as the lesser evil, but then

20.Kh1! is strong, for example:
A) or 20...Bh3 1.55/22 20...Qd8 1.10 21.Qf3! Be6 2.06/21 *(21...Bxg2+± 1.55/22* might work better. *22.Qxg2 Rxg5 23.Nxg5+ Rxg5* Pin *24.Qxd5+ Rxd5)* 22.Bh4!;
B) 20...Qd8 21.h4 Bg4 22.Ng3 Kg7 23.Bd2! with the threat of Nf5+ (and if Qd7 , then 24.Re4!), and Black has a difficult position.]
[19...Rxg5? 20.Nxf6 Qf5 21.Nxg8 Qxf2+ 22.Rxf2++-]
[⌓19...Be6 1.08/23 20.Kh1 *(20.h4 Ke8=)* 20...Qd8 *(20...Rxg5? 21.Nxf6 Bxf6 22.Qxf6+ Ke8 23.Rxe6+ Kd7 24.Re4+-)*]

20.Qf4 1.06/20 (5)
Audaciously leaving the bishop on g5 (from where it can no longer retreat!).
[What told was childish euphoria after my previous day's win over Yuferov – absolute recklessness... 20.Bh4! (Stohl) Be6 21.Ng3 Rg4 22.Re4! was better, with a clear advantage: by exchanging a pair of rooks White relieves the pressure on g2, whereas the f6- and h5-pawns are chronically weak.]
[⌓20.Bh4! 1.46/21]

20...Be6±
[After 20...Kg7?! 1.80/23 20...Be6 0.92 I would have probably 'thought better of it' and played 21.Bh4 .]
[20...Rxg5? 21.Nxg5+ Kg6 *(21...Rxg5? 22.Qxg5 Bb4 23.Rxf6+* Clearance *Qxf6 24.Rf1+-* Pin *)* 22.h4+-]

21.h4!? 0.39/23 (37)
'Burning his boats behind him – the bishop will have nowhere to go. But what happens next?' (Botvinnik).
[The no less garish 21.Qe5!? 0.31/23 21.Rf2 1.10 also came into consideration – but after Bd5! *(21...Qd5?* 2.39/26 21...Bd5 0.38 *22.Bxf6!)* 22.h4! Kg7! 23.Qxd4 Kh7 Black somehow holds on.]
[Therefore the strongest was 21.g3! 0.10/16 21.Re2 1.02 , killing the counterplay on the g-file and retaining a loophole for the bishop at h4 (although here White's advantage is not so obvious as after 20 Bh4!).]
[21.Re2± 0.95/22]

21...Bd5!±
[Moving the bishop out of range (21...Kg7? 3.61/21 21...Bd5 0.42
A) 'Black evidently suspected that there was only one danger: 22.Bxf6+?? -2.16/16 22.Nxf6 3.40 Rxf6?? 6.60/23 *(22...Bxf6-+* -2.16/16 *23.Nxf6 Rxf6)* 23.Qh6+! -10.67/17 with irresistible threats. But there now follows a new blow! *(23.Nxf6!!+-* 6.60/23 *Bxf6 24.Rxe6)*;
B) 22.Nxf6).]
[The only possibility of continuing the fight was 21...Bg4 ' (Botvinnik). And indeed, after 22.Nf2! *(22.Bh6* 0.29/17 22.Nf2 0.99 *Re8!)* 22...Bd6 *(22...Be6?* 1.63/22 22...Bd6 0.57 *23.Re5!)* 23.Qd2! And now Nxg4 would win. Bf5 1.12/19 *(*Black should play *23...Bf3±* 0.61/26 *24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Kg7)* 24.Ne4! White's advantage, although enduring, is not so great. However, 21...Bd5 is also not a bad move.]

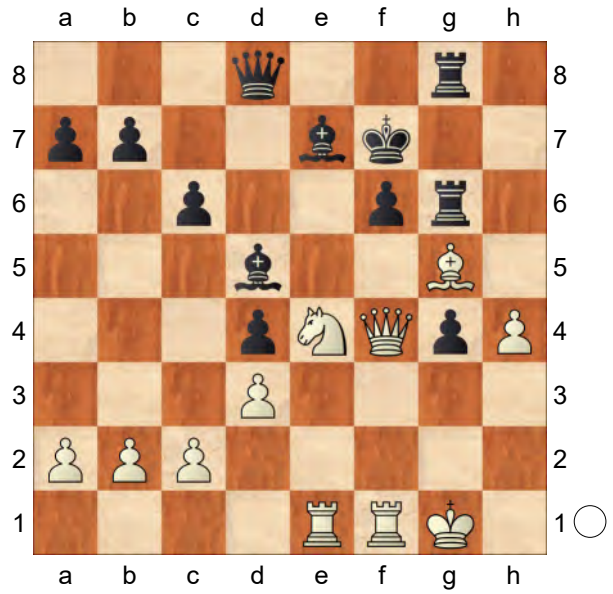
22.g4!? 0.00/18 (5)
This pawn thrust, immediately following h2-h4, shook both Roizman and those present in the auditorium: is it really possible to play like this?! 'A move,

shocking in its audacity, and at the same time logical and highly effective' (Nikitin). 'Played contrary to routine positional dogmas – White himself opens up the position of his king. But what is important is that the rook on g6 turns out to be in danger, and this decides the game' (Botvinnik).
Alas, here my Teacher was exaggerating: after the correct reply by the opponent, White would have had nothing decisive.

[And, perhaps, 22.Qe5 should have been tried – although after Kg7! 23.Qxd4 Kh7 Black could still have defended (as after 21 Qe5) and happily avoided the crushing defeat which he soon suffers.
I think that after 22 g4 my opponent literally fell into a stupor and was no longer in a condition to fight, especially with time-trouble approaching.]
[22.Qe5± 0.41/25]

22...Kg7? 3.74/23 A fatal mistake.

['A belated retreat. If 22...hxg4? 3.29/20 22...Rh8 0.45



there would have followed 23.h5! .]

[Black could hardly have prolonged the resistance by 22...Bxe4 on account of 23.gxh5? 0.11/24 *(*White has to play *23.Rxe4+-* 2.10/23 *hxg4 24.Qf5)*

A) 23...R6g7? 3.31/23 23...Rxg5+ 0.12 24.Rxe4 ' (Botvinnik).;

B) . It was also bad to play 23...Rh6 24.Rxe4 Black must now prevent Qg4. Rxh5 25.Qg4 etc. (Stohl);

C) , but 23...Rxg5+! was far more resilient: 24.hxg5 Qd5! (threatening ...Rxg5+!) 25.g6+ Bxg6! 26.Rxe7+ Kxe7 27.Qxf6+ Kd7 28.hxg6 Qe6! 29.Qf7+! *(29.Qxd4+ Kc7* with equality *)* 29...Qxf7! 30.Rxf7+ Ke6 31.Rxb7 aiming for g7! Rxg6+ with drawing chances in the rook endgame a pawn down.;

D) 23...Rxg5+= 0.11/24 24.hxg5 Bd5;

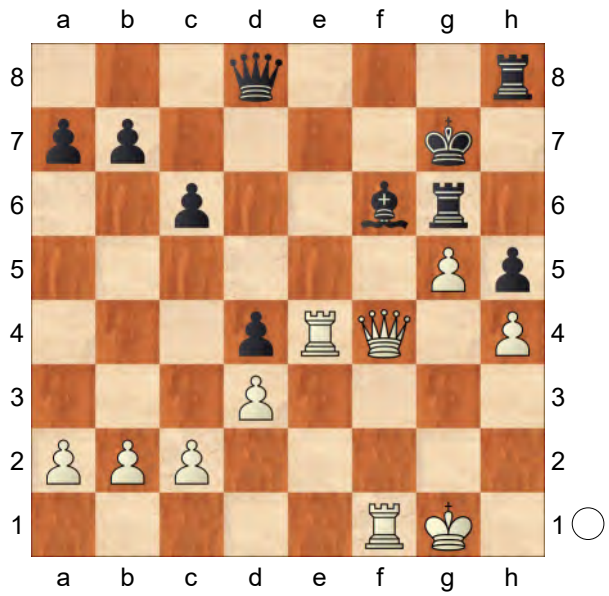
E) 23...--? 4.61/19]

[True, if 22...Bxe4 , then 23.Rxe4!? hxg4 24.Qe5 (f5) looks strong.]
[But it is something else that is important: Black could simply have defended his attacked h5-pawn by 22...Rh8! . Against this I had prepared 23.Bxf6 0.04/27 *(23.gxh5!±* 0.51/19 might be stronger. *Rxh5* Pin *24.Qg4)* 23...Bxf6= *(23...Rxg4+?* 3.76/25 23...Bxf6 0.48 *24.Qxg4 hxg4 25.Bxe7+ Kxe7 26.Nc5+!)* 24.g5 Bxe4! 25.Rxe4

A) 25...Kg7? 3.12/24 25...Rf8 0. 17

(Diagram)

(?) 26.Kh2! *(*but not *26.Re6?* 1.16/24 26.Kh2 3.14 *Re8!)* 26...Rf8 Threatens to win with ...



Be7. 27.Re6! , and White is on the verge of winning.;

B) . However – oh horrors! – the computer move 25...Rf8!
, pointed out by Stohl in the 21st Century, would have refuted my idea and led to equality:

B1) 26.Rxd4 Qe8! 27.Kh2 *(*also nothing is given by *27.Rd6 Kg7;* or *27.Re4 Qd8!* Against Qc7+ *)* 27...Kg7 *(*or *27...Kg8)* 28.gxf6+ Rfxf6 29.Qc7+ Kh6! 30.Re4 Qxe4 31.dxe4 Rxf1;

B2) 26.Kh2? -2.33/20 26.Qf5 0.04 Kg8! and wins.;

B3) 26.Qf5 Kg7! 27.Re6! With the idea Kh2. Qd5! 28.Qxd5 cxd5 29.Kh1 Rf7 30.gxf6+ Rgxf6 .;

B4) 26.--;

C) 25...Rf8!= 0.01/24 and Black stays safe.;

D) 25...--? 4.45/22]

[It is also not possible to find an advantage for White after 22...Rh8! 23.gxh5 *(23.Qe5* Bxf6! would now be deadly. *hxg4!)* 23...Rxh5

A) or 24.Qg4 Rhh6 25.Ng3 -0.51/22 *(25.Kh2*= 0.00/23 *)* 25...Rh7 0.00/24 *(25...Bd6∓* -0.51/22 *26.Ne4 Be5)* 26.h5= Rgg7 0.40/23 *(26...Rg8*= 0.00/24 is more appropriate. *)* 27.Qf4!± Kg8! 28.Rxe7! Rxg5 29.Rxh7 Kxh7;

B) 24.Ng3

B1) and 24...Rh7 0.51/19 24...Rh8 0.00 25.h5! (a variation by Stohl) is highly dubious, since Black does not have the resource Rxg5? 3.24/16 *(25...Rg8!±* 0.51/21 *)* 26.Qxg5+- Rg7 5.34/20 on account of. Against Qg6+ *(⌓26...Qg8* 3.56/22 *27.Qe5 Qf8)* 27.Rxe7+!+- Qxe7 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Nf5+ and Nxe7;

B2) but on the other hand 24...Rh8! is quite suitable – if now 25.h5 , then Rxg5! 26.Qxg5 Rg8! Wards off Qg6+ 27.Qh4 Bd6 Prevents Rf4 28.Rf4! Bxf4 29.Qxf4 Qd7 with equality;

B3) Better is 24...Rh8!= 0.00/24 25.h5 Rxg5 26.Qxg5 Rg8 Pin 27.Rxe7+ Qxe7;

B4) , when here 24...Bd6 0.69/26 25.Qxf6+!± Rxf6 26.Nxh5 Bh2+! 27.Kxh2 Qb8+! 28.Nf4 Rf5! is unclear.]

[22...Bxa2? 23.gxh5 Rh6 24.Kh2 Rxg5 25.Nxg5+ *(25.Qxg5 Qb8+ 26.Ng3 Bf8+-)* 25...Kg7 26.Ne6+ *(26.b3 Qd6+-)* 26...Bxe6 27.Rg1+ *(27.Rxe6 Bb4+-)* 27...Kf7 28.Qxh6+-]

[22...Rh8!= 0.00/18 and Black is okay.]

23.gxh5+- (2)

[23.Ng3 Kh7 *(23...fxg5? 24.Qe5+*

Kh7 25.Qxe7+ Kh8 26.Qe5+ Kh7 27.Nxh5+-; 23...Kh8 24.Qxd4 Bxa2 25.Qxd8±) 24.gxh5 fxg5∓]

23...fxg5 24.Qe5+ Kh6

[24...Rf6 5.34/23 24...Kh6 3.73 25.Nxf6 Bxf6 26.h6+! .]

[24...Bf6? 25.Nxf6 Rxf6 26.hxg5+- *(26.Qxg5+? Kh7-+)*]

25.hxg6 gxh4 26.Rf5! The most accurate solution.

[26.Qxd4 Rxg6+ 27.Kh1 Qc8+-]

26...Kxg6 #10/22 This leads to instant death;

[but Black would not have saved the game with 26...Rxg6+? 6.66/21 26...Bxe4 3.73 27.Kh2 (f2)]

[or 26...Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Intending Rh5+ and mate. Rxg6+ 28.Kh2 Bf6 29.Rxh4+! Kg7 30.Rxf6! Qxf6 31.Qc7+ , picking up with checks the pawns on b7 and a7, and then also on d4.]

[26...Bxe4+- 4.90/20 27.Rh5+ *(27.dxe4 Rxg6+ 28.Kh2 Rg5+-)* 27...Kxg6 28.Rxe4 *(28.Qxe4+?* too greedy. *Kxh5+ 29.Kh1 Rg7-+)* 28...Bg5 29.Rexh4 *(29.Rxd4 Re8=)* 29...Qf6 *(29...Bxh4 30.Qf5+ Kg7 31.Rh7#)*]

27.Kh2 . My favourite 'Spanish' move, in this case vacating a square for the rook. In view of unavoidable mate, Black resigned.

Times: 1.45–2.16.

'A dynamic game!' (Botvinnik).

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□ **Van der Sterren,Paul**

■ **Kupreichik,Viktor D**

23/(257) Wijk aan Zee 1977

[Ftacnik,Lubomir, MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4!? 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6

[5...Bc5 6.d3 c6 1-0 (53) Van der Sterren,P (2375)-Kupreichik,V (2490) Wijk aan Zee 1977 MCL [Ftacnik, Lubomir]]

6.Ba4!? Bc5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nd2N *

[8.f4 d5 *(8...f5 9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Qh3 Bg7 16.Nf3 h6 17.Ne5 Qf6 18.Bxd5+ cxd5 19.b3 Kh7 20.Bb2 Qb6 21.Qf3 Re8 22.Qf2 Bxe5 23.Rxe5* Variation C2: 5...Bc5 Hewlett-Packard Company 2008 *)* 9.f5 *(9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7 21.Ba2 Qb4 22.Rah3 Qxb2 23.Qf4 Ng8* Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0 *)* 9...Qc7 *(9...dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 d3 13.cxd3 Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qf2 19.Nc3 g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.Be3* Den Hamer,A (2605)-6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♕b2 8 (2450) Gothenburg Manhem-A 2013 *)* 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Bb3 0-0-0 14.Qf3 f6 15.Rae1 c5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.exd5 b5 19.Nd2 Qd6 20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra1 Kb8 Middelhoff,C (2480)-5.♘f3 00 6.♗d3 ♘c6 700

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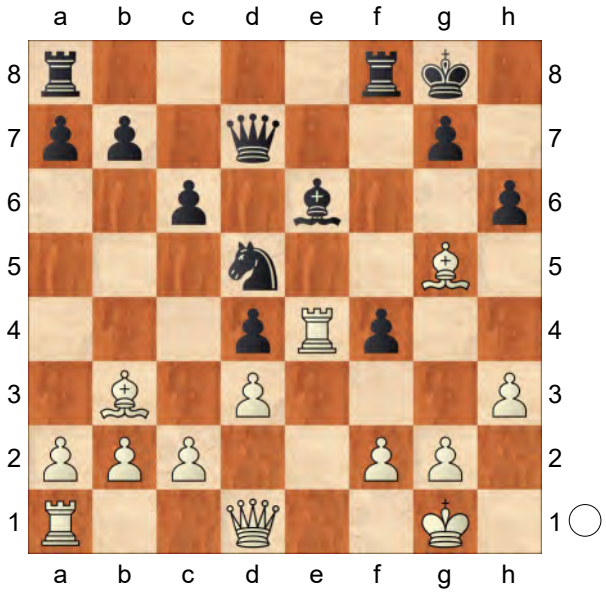
8...d5! 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Re1+ White has an edge. **10...Be6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bb3 0-0 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.h3**

[14.Qh5 occurred in Karpov - Kupreichik, Moscow 1976.]

14...f5?! 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 f4? 17.Re4! Threatening Bxf4! **17...h6** 1.28/22

[17...f3! 18.Rxd4 And now c4 would win. fxg2! 19.c4 Qf7 20.Qe2 Nc7 leads to mutual chances (Van der Sterren).]

[17...f3= 0.20/23 keeps the balance.]



Black is now going downhill. **18.Bxf4!±** Decoy **18...Nxf4**

[18...Rxf4 1.70/22 18...Nxf4 1.16 19.Bxd5]

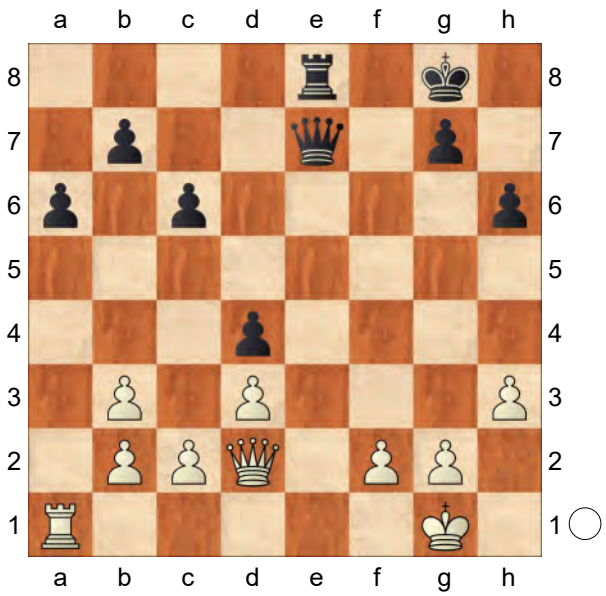
19.Qg4! Rae8 20.Rxf4+-

[JvR: 'Not' 20.Rae1!? -2.61/26 20.Rxf4 1.32 JvR: '??' h5!-+ JvR: '!' JvR: '(Van der Sterren). ']

20...Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Bxb3 22.axb3± Endgame. KQR-KQR

[22.cxb3 Re6±]

22...a6 23.Qd2 Prevents Re2. **23...Qe7**



24.Kf1! Qc5 25.b4

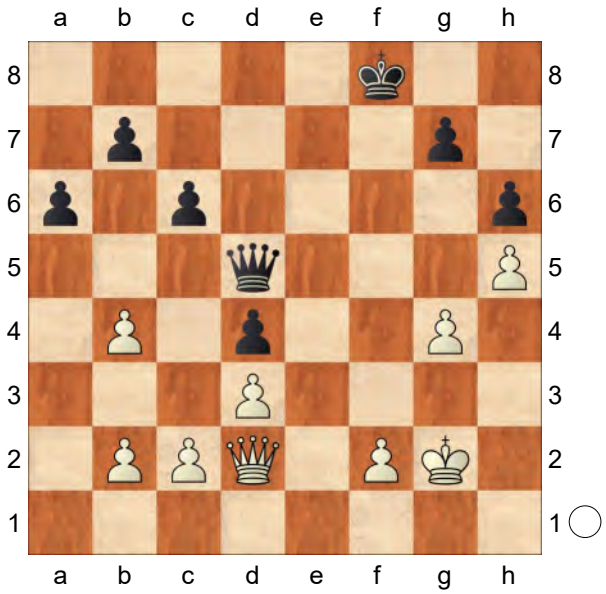
[25.Re1 0.63/24 25.b4 1.42 Rxe1+ 26.Kxe1 Qe5+ 27.Kf1 Qh2]

25...Qd6 ...Qh2 would now be deadly.

26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 KQ-KQ

27...Kf8 28.g3 Kf7 29.h4 Kf8 30.Kg1 Kf7 31.Kg2 Kf8 32.g4 Kf7 33.h5 Kf8 34.Qd2 Qd5+? 2.32/25

[34...Kg8± 1.12/25 35.f3 Kf7]



35.Kg3!+- Kg8 36.Qf4 Prevents Qd6.

36...b5? 4.06/28

[36...Qh1 2.18/24 might work better.

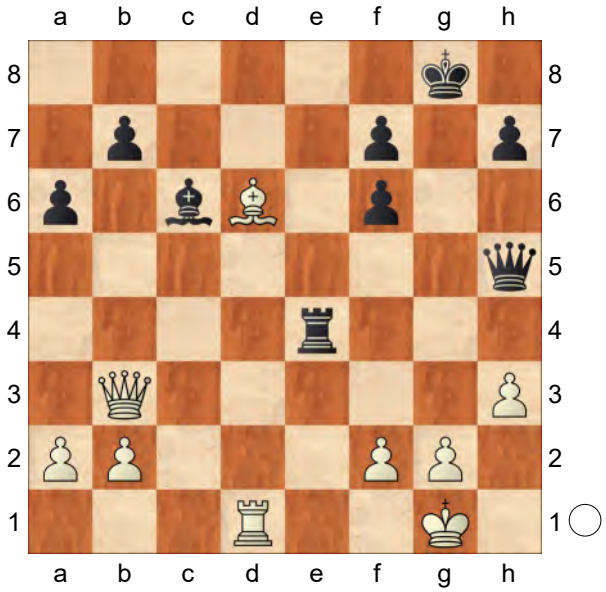
37.Qxd4 Qc1]
37.Qc7! Kh7 38.Qe7 Qa2 39.Qe4+ Kh8 40.Qxd4
[40.Qxc6 Qxb2 41.g5 *(41.Qxa6 Qxb4 42.Qa8+ Kh7=)* 41...hxg5+-]
40...Qb1 41.c4 Qg1+ 42.Kf4 Qe1 4.93/26
[⌓42...bxc4 3.43/23 43.dxc4 Qe1]
43.c5 Kg8 44.f3 Kf7 8.54/22
[⌓44...Kh8 4.63/21 45.Qe4 Qd2+ 46.Kf5 Qxb2 47.Qxc6 Qc1]
45.Qd7+ Kg8 46.Kf5 White threatens Kg6 and mate. **46...Qd2 47.Qxc6 Qxd3+ 48.Qe4 Qd2 49.c6 Qxb2 50.Ke6 Qc3 51.Kd6** Intending c7 and mate. **51...Kf8 52.c7 Qf6+ 53.Kd7**
JvR: 'The master group was won by Kupreichik despite this defeat. 20-years-old Paul van der Sterren became second. ' 1-0 (53) Van der Sterren,P (2375)-Kupreichik,V (2490) Wijk aan Zee 1977
MCL [Ftacnik,Lubomir] Van der Sterren, P-Kupreichik,V Wijk aan Zee 1977
CI1-130 [Ftacnik,Lubomir].
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.62.
Mistake: --- Black=5
Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=12 Black=18
Best: White=4 Black=1
Strong: White=2 ---
Brilliant: White=1 ---
1-0

C61

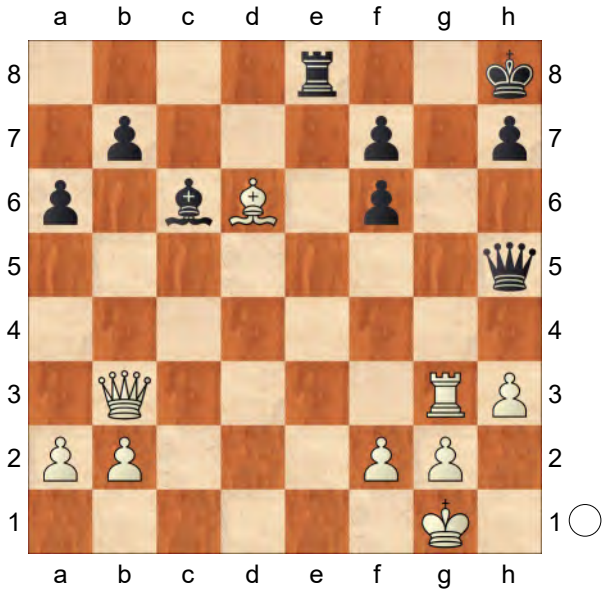
□ **Geller,Efim P**
■ **Szabo,Laszlo**
15/242 Budapest 1973
[Geller,Efim, MH]

Geller,E: 'Inf 15/242'
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4?! 0.88/19
[8...Be7± 0.36/19]
9.Qe2!N Geller,E: '!' '!' Geller,E: 'N' Geller,E: 'N Geller,Efim P: 'N!"
[Worse is 9.cxd4 Qh4 10.h3 Qxf2+ *(10...Nxf2 11.Qe2=)* 11.Kh1 Qxd4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓]
[9.h3 Ne5 10.d3 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
9...dxc3N 1.13/20
[9...b5± 0.60/18 10.Bd3 Qb6 *(10...Qf6 11.h3 dxc3 12.hxg4 cxb2 13.e5 bxa1Q 14.exf6+ Be6 15.Bxb5 Qxb1 16.Bxc6+ Kd8 17.Bxa8 gxf6 18.d4 Qxa2 19.Qb5 Qc4 20.Qb8+ Qc8 21.Qxa7 Qc7 22.Qa1 Be7 23.Bd2 Qc4 24.d5 Bxg4 25.Ba5+* 8.♗g2 00 9.00-Grivas Grünfeld Wch2 sf06 corr ICCF 1954 1-0 *)* 11.a4 b4 12.cxb4 Qxb4 13.Na3 a5 14.e5 d5 15.e6 Nf6 16.Nc2 Qc5 17.b3 Chapter-Landolfi,F 61/414 Tilburg 1994]
10.Nxc3±
[10.d4!? 0.33/21 10.Nxc3 1.11 cxb2 11.Bxb2 h3 is the strong threat. Be7! 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Rad1⩲]

10...Qh4?!
[10...Ne5!? 1.12/18 10...Qh4 0.75]
11.h3 White is better. **11...Ne5 12.d4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4** d5 would now be deadly. **13...Be7 14.d5 Bd7 15.Qb3 Rb8 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Be3 a6 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Rd4** White is more active. **19...Rbd8 20.Red1 Qh5 21.Bf4** 0.58/22
[Better is 21.Nd5± 1.16/19 Bh4 22.f3]
21...Bf6± 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Bxd6
[Of course not 23.Rxd6 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Bxe4=]
23...Re8
[23...Rd8 24.Nd5 Bxd5 1.58/24 *(⌓24...Bg5* 1.07/20 *25.Bg3 Rd7)* 25.Rxd5± Qe2 26.e5±]
24.Nd5 Rxe4 25.Nxf6+ gxf6



26.Rd3! aiming for Rg3+. **26...Kh8** 1.14/25
[⌓26...h6 0.77/25]
27.Rg3? 0.38/25
[27.Bb4!?±]
[27.Qb6!?± 0.41/22 27.Bb4 1.00]
[27.Qc3± 1.14/25 Re6 28.Qd4]
27...Re8? 5.41/23
[27...Qd5! 28.Bf8 Bg7+ would kill now. Qxb3 29.axb3 f5 0.80/22 *(29...h5±* 0.34/26 deserves consideration. *)* 30.f3±]
[Black should play 27...Qd5!± 0.38/25]



A mistake that costs the game.
28.Bb4!+- Rg8 29.Be7! h6 Black is weak on the dark squares
[29...Rxg3 30.Bxf6+ Rg7? #5/12 *(30...Kg8=* 0.00/5 *31.Qxg3+ Kf8 32.Qd6+ Kg8 33.Qd8+ Be8 34.Qxe8#)* 31.Qg3+-]
30.Bxf6+ Kh7 31.Rxg8 Kxg8 32.Qg3+ Kf8 33.Qd6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.86.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=2
Black=2
Inaccurate: ---
Black=3
OK: White=10
Black=9
Best: White=1 ---
Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

C61

□ **Heemsoth,Hermann**
■ **Muir,Walter Gabriel**
Wch8 sf6 corr ICCF 1972
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 FS 1977 **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6**
[5...Bc5 6.d3 Ne7 *(6...c6! 7.Bc4 d6 8.c3 Ne7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qh5 Be6 11.Nd2 d5!* Naskow-Skotorenko, corr 1965/67 *)* 7.Qh5! Bb6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nd2 f6 10.Bh4 Ng6 11.Bc4+ Kh8 12.Bg3 d6 13.f4± Deschauer-Flamminger, corr 1954]
6.Bc4! Nf6 7.Re1
[7.e5 d5 8.exf6 dxc4 9.fxg7 Bxg7 10.d3 cxd3 11.cxd3 Be6 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.Ne4 0-0-0 14.a4 Rhg8 15.b4 Bd5∓ Kopilow-Tolusch]
[7.e5 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.Re1 Bf5 11.d3]
7...d6 8.c3 Ng4 0.91/22
[8...dxc3 9.Qb3! 0.06/22 *(9.Nxc3±* 0.67/20 *Be7 10.Bb3)* 9...Qc7 0.84/20 *(9...Qe7!=* 0.06/22 *)* 10.a4!⩲ 0.32/19 (Keres) *(10.Nxc3±* 0.84/20 *b5 11.Be2)*]
[8...Be7!⩲ 0.36/21]
9.h3± White now steadily converts the win.
[9.Qe2! Geller-Szabo, Budapest 1973 dxc3 1.12/20 *(9...b5⩲* 0.64/19 is more appropriate. *)* 10.Nxc3± Qh4 11.h3 Ne5 12.d4! Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Be7 14.d5!±]
[9.cxd4 Qh4 10.Qf3 Qxh2+ 11.Kf1 Nh6∓]
9...Ne5 10.d3
[10.Bf1 -0.01/21 10.d3 0.85 d3 next ...g5 is good for Black. 11.f4 Qb6+ Ujtumen-Lein, Sochi 1965
A) 12.Kh2! h5! 13.Re3! Nc4 14.Rg3 -0.61/21 *(14.Rf3!=* 0.12/21 *)* 14...Bg4 0.06/21 *(14...g5!∓* -0.61/21 *15.Rxg5 Bh6 16.Qxh5 Bxh3 17.gxh3 Qf2+ 18.Bg2 Qxf4+ 19.Kh1 Qxg5 20.Qxg5 Bxg5)* 15.Qe1= Threatens to win with b3. Nxb2∓ 1.55/22 Krause-Muir, corr *(15...g5!=* -0.07/20 *)*;
B) 12.Kh1 h5!
B1) 13.Re3! (Dr.Keller) Nc4! 14.Rg3 -0.18/21 *(⌓14.Rf3* 0.25/22 *)*
B1a) 14...g5!? 15.Rxg5 *(15.fxg5 h4∓)* 15...Qf2-+;
B1b) 14...Bg4! 15.Qe1 Nxb2 16.Qe3? -2.68/21 *(16.Na3⩲* 0.41/20 stays ahead. *Nd1 17.Kh2)* 16...Nd1!-+ 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.hxg4 hxg4+ 19.Kg1 d5! 20.Bxd3 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 dxe4! -1.63/24 *(⌓21...f5* -2.85/24 *22.Ke2 Rh1 23.exd5 Bf2 24.Rxg4 fxg4)* 22.Bc2? -8.08/22 *(22.Bxe4* -1.63/24 *Rh1+ 23.Ke2)* 22...Bf2!-+;
B2) 13.Re3!⩲ 0.31/24 Nc4 14.Rf3;
B3) 13.fxe5? -1.20/20 13...Bg4!∓ 14.Qb3 Qf2! 15.Qxb7? -4.12/21 *(15.Rd1!∓* -0.35/23 *)* 15...Rd8-+ 16.Rd1? -5.08/22 *(16.Na3* -2.77/19 *Qxe1 17.Kg1 dxe5 18.Qxc6+ Bd7 19.Qd5)* 16...Bxd1∓]
10...Nxc4
[10...dxc3 11.Nxc3 Be7 12.Bb3 Ng6 1.16/20 *(⌓12...0-0* 0.76/20 *)* 13.d4 0.59/20 *(13.f4±* 1.16/20 *)* 13...Bg5 1.11/20 *(13...0-0⩲* 0.59/20 *)* 14.Qh5 0.67/21 *(14.Rf1±* 1.11/20 *)* 14...Bxc1⩲ 15.Raxc1⩲ Huguet-Boutteville, Paris 1967]

[10...Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 24.Rdb1 Be6 25.Bxd6 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]

11.dxc4 White is better. **11...dxc3**

12.Nxc3 Be6N

[12...Be7 13.Bf4 0-0 *(13...Be6 14.b3 Bf6 15.Rc1 Be5 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Qh5 Qa5 18.Red1 0-0 19.Rd3 Rad8 20.Rcd1 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 f6 22.Qd1 b5 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 a6 26.a4 Qb4 27.axb5 axb5 28.Kh2 7.0-0 0-0 8.♗e3 ♘c6-Goerke,J 99/(225) Moscow 2007 ½-½)* 14.Qd3 Be6 15.Rad1 Qa5 1.02/19 *(15...Re8± 0.66/22)*

A) 16.Nd5± 1.02/19 Bh4 17.b4 *(17.g3 cxd5 18.exd5 Bxh3 19.gxh4 Bg4 20.f3 Qc5+ 21.Kg2 Bd7 22.b4 Qxb4 23.Rb1 Qc5 24.Rxb7 Bc8 25.Rb5 Qc7 26.Qb3 Qd8 27.Qc2 a5 28.Qc3 Qxh4 29.Bg3 Qd8 30.c5 Ba6 31.Rb6 dxc5* 3.de5 ♘g4 4.♗f4 g5_26273-Morioka,F European Club Cup 2007 0-1 *32.Rd6 Qg5 33.Re5 f5 34.Kf2 a4 35.Rd7 Qf6 36.d6 Rab8 37.Ra7 f4 38.Bxf4 h6 39.Kg2 Rb4* Anderson,J-Mclaughlin,K BCCA ch Wm. Mason2000 0-1 *)*;

B) 16.a3 0.39/20 16...Rfe8± 17.Bxd6 Matanovic-Gliksman, 1967]

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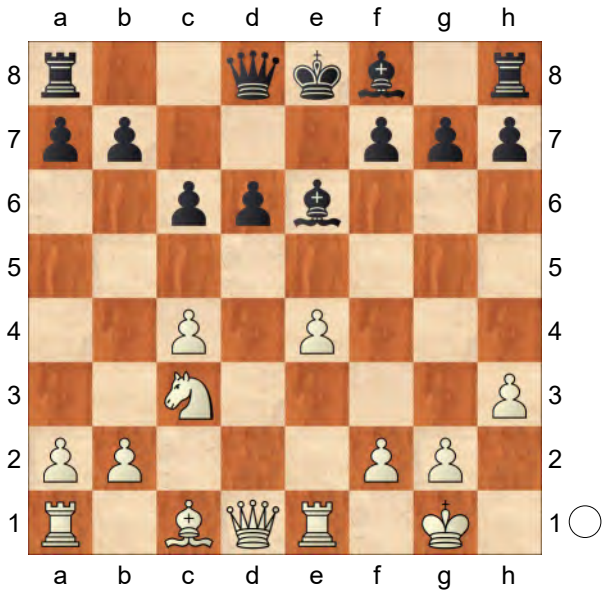
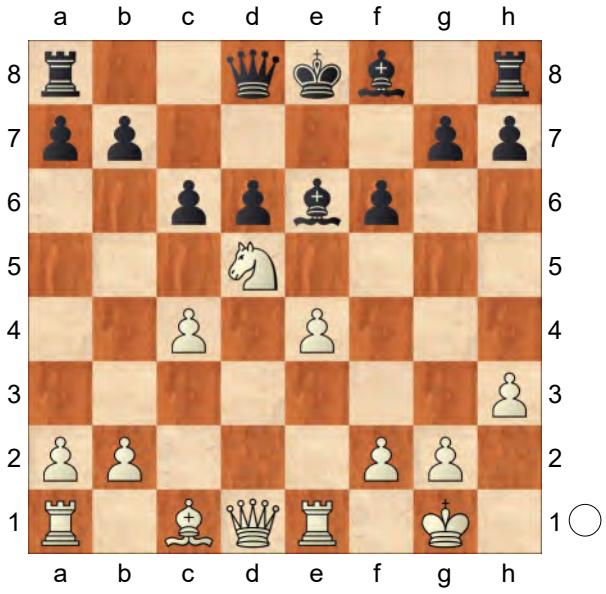


13.Nd5! f6

[13...Be7 14.Nxe7 Qxe7]



14.Bf4! Kf7

[14...cxd5 15.exd5 h5 16.Qe2+- *(16.Rxe6+ Kf7+-; 16.dxe6 Be7+-)*]

15.Ne3 White has more active pieces.

15...Qa5 1.70/19

[15...Be7± 1.30/19]

16.b4!+-

[16.Bxd6 Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Rhd8=]

16...Qa6 2.11/21

[16...Qa3 17.Nf5!

A) 17...g6 2.63/22 17...Rd8 1.55 18.Nxd6+ Bxd6 19.Qxd6? 0.77/21 *(19.Bxd6*+- 2.55/20 Black must now prevent Re3. *Rhe8 20.Re3)* 19...Rhd8± 20.Qc5;
B) 17...Rd8 1.63/20 was necessary. 18.Re3 Qa6;
C) 17...Bxf5 3.05/23 18.exf5+- Hoping for Qe2. Qxb4? 9.88/24 *(18...h6* 2.86/21 *19.Bxd6 Bxd6)* 19.Qe2!]

[⌓16...Qb6 1.61/21 17.Nf5 *(17.Bxd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Rhd8=)* 17...Rd8 18.Nxd6+ Kg8]

17.a4!

[17.Bxd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Rhd8 1.76/20 *(18...Rhe8±* 1.37/20 *19.Qd3 Red8)* 19.Qc5 0.89/21 *(19.Qg3*+- 1.76/20 *)* 19...Rd2∓ 2.17/20 *(19...Qb6±* 0.89/21 *)*]

[17.Bxd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Rhe8=]

17...Rd8? 3.40/20

[17...Bxc4? 4.41/21 17...Qb6 2.05 18.b5 cxb5 19.axb5 Qxb5 20.Rb1 Qa6 21.Nxc4 Qxc4 22.Rxb7+ Kg8 23.Qg4!]

[17...Qb6 1.78/20 18.Nf5 *(18.Bxd6 Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Rad8±)* 18...Bxc4 19.Bxd6 *(19.Nxd6*+ *Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rhe8±)* 19...Be6]

18.c5 d5? 5.49/23

[18...h5 3.04/19 19.cxd6 *(19.Bxd6 Kg8*+- *)* 19...Qb6]

19.Bc7! Rd7

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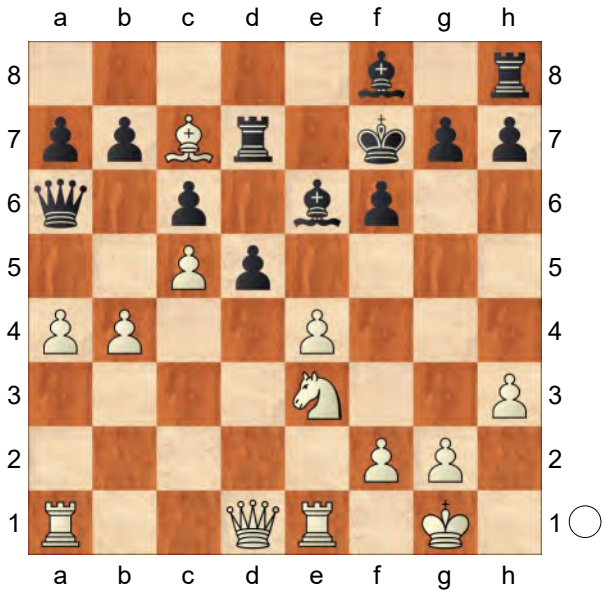


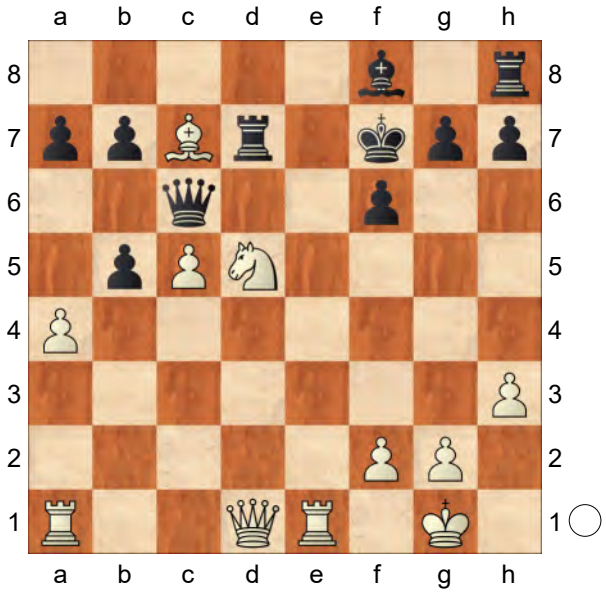
20.b5! Deflection **20...cxb5 21.exd5!**

[Weaker is 21.Nxd5 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Qc6=]

21...Bxd5

[21...Rxc7 FS 1977 22.dxe6+]

22.Nxd5 Qc6



23.Bd6! '!' FS 1977. **23...Bxd6 24.cxd6 Qxd6**

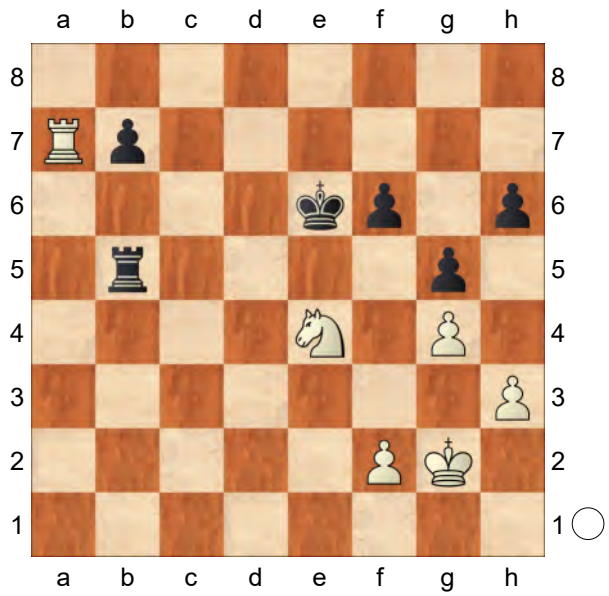
[24...Rxd6 #5/12 24...Qxd6 5.11 FS 1977 25.Re7+ 5.24/5 *(⌓25.Qh5*+ #5/12 *g6 26.Re7+ Kg8 27.Qh6 Qc1+ 28.Rxc1 Rxd5 29.Qg7#)* 25...Kf8 26.Qh5!]

25.Nf4 Pin **25...Qxd1 26.Rexd1 Rhd8**

27.Rxd7+ White is clearly winning.

27...Rxd7 28.axb5 Endgame. KRN-KR

28...Rd4 29.g3 g5 30.Ne2 Rb4 31.Nc3 Rb3 32.Ne4 Ke7 33.Rxa7 Rxb5 34.g4! h6 35.Kg2 Ke6

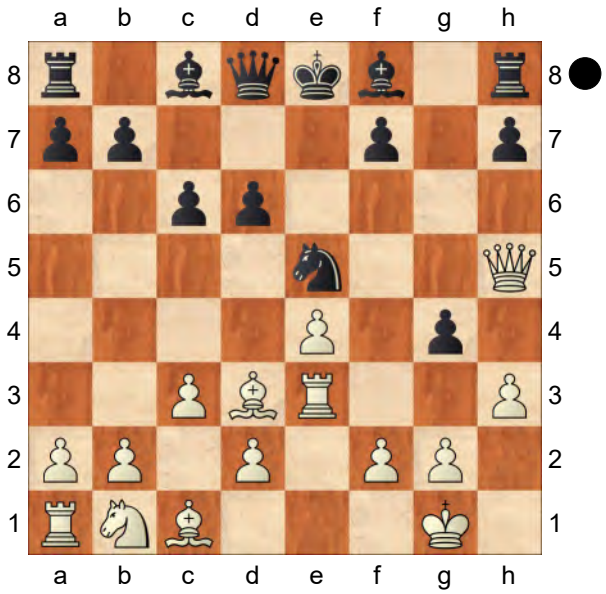


36.Rxb7!! Decoy.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.43.
Mistake: --- Black=4
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2
OK: White=15 Black=10
Best: White=1 Black=1
1-0

C61

□ **Meloch**
■ **Olszewski,A**
corr 1970
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 0.99/21
[8...Be7± 0.38/19]
9.h3±
[9.cxd4 Qh4 10.h3 Qxf2+ *(10...Nxf2 11.Qe2=)* 11.Kh1 h5-+ *(11...Qxd4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.hxg4∓)*]
9...Ne5 10.Bf1 0.19/22
[10.d3± 0.93/21 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 24.Rdb1 Be6 25.Bxd6 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
10...d3= 11.Re3 -0.10/20
[11.f4 0.26/22 feels stronger.]
11...g5 12.Qh5N -1.60/21
[12.Bxd3= -0.08/19 Nxd3 *(12...g4 13.Be2 Bh6 14.d4 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 gxh3 16.dxe5 hxg2 17.Bf4 Qh4 18.Bh2 Rg8 19.Nd2 Rg6 20.Nf3 Qh3 21.exd6 Bg4 22.d7+ Kd8 23.Ne5 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Rf6 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.Qd2* 9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4-Eret, J Belgrade-match 1974 1-0 *)* 13.Rxd3]
12...g4 -1.18/22 Black is more active.
[⌓12...Rg8 -1.60/21 Hoping for ...g4. 13.Bxd3 Rg6]
13.Bxd3∓

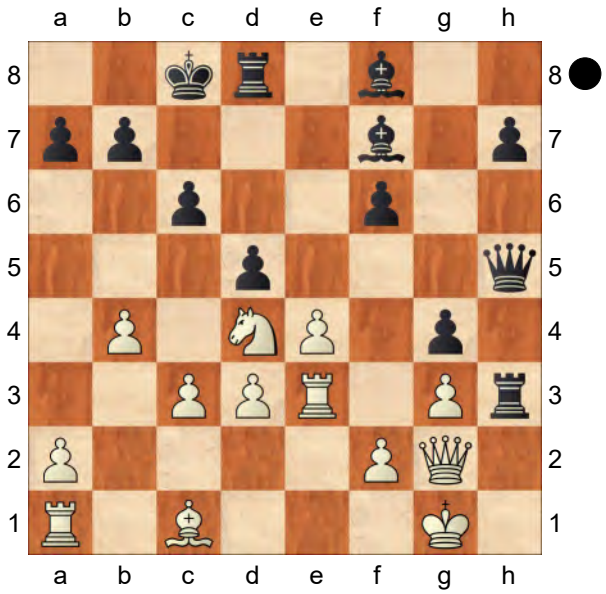


Rg8! 14.Be2 -2.00/22

[14.Qxh7? Rg7 15.Qh8 gxh3-+]
[14.h4∓ -1.24/22 is a better defense.]
14...Rg6 And now ...Rh6 would win. Black has strong compensation. **15.h4**
[15.Qxh7? Rh6 16.Qg8 gxh3-+ *(16...Rg6? 17.Qxg6 Nxg6 18.hxg4-+)*]
15...Qa5 -0.34/22
[Better is 15...Bh6∓ -1.11/22 16.d4 Nf3+ Pin, Double Attack 17.Kf1 *(17.gxf3? gxf3+-+)* 17...Qxh4 *(17...Nxh4 18.Na3=)* 18.Qxh4 Nxh4]
16.Kf1? -2.00/23 Now White is beyond hope.
[16.d4? Nf3+ 17.Rxf3 Qxh5-+]
[16.Qxh7∓ -0.34/22 Qc7 *(16...Rh6 17.Qg8∓)* 17.d4]
16...Rh6 17.Qg5 f6 18.b4? -4.46/23
[18.Qg8∓ -1.60/23 Rxh4 19.Kg1 Nf3+ 20.Rxf3 *(20.gxf3? Qh5-+; 20.Bxf3 gxf3 21.e5 dxe5-+)* 20...gxf3 Discovered Attack 21.Bxf3]
18...Qd8
[18...fxg5 19.bxa5 gxh4 *(19...Rxh4 20.Kg1±)* 20.d4∓]
19.Qg8 Rxh4 20.Kg1 Prevents Rh1+.
20...Qe7 21.Bc4 Inhibits Be6.
[21.d4 Be6-+]
21...Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Be6 23.Qf1 Qf7 White is weak on the light squares **24.g3 Rh3** White must now prevent ...f5!
25.Na3 0-0-0⟶ White is in trouble.
[25...Bxa2 26.c4+-]
26.Nc2 -3.52/19
[26.d4 -2.46/19 was called for.]
26...Qh5
[26...Bxa2 27.Nd4∓]
27.Qg2 Prevents Rh1+. **27...d5 28.Nd4 Bf7 29.d3**

(Diagram)

dxe4! 30.dxe4 f5 Threatens to win with



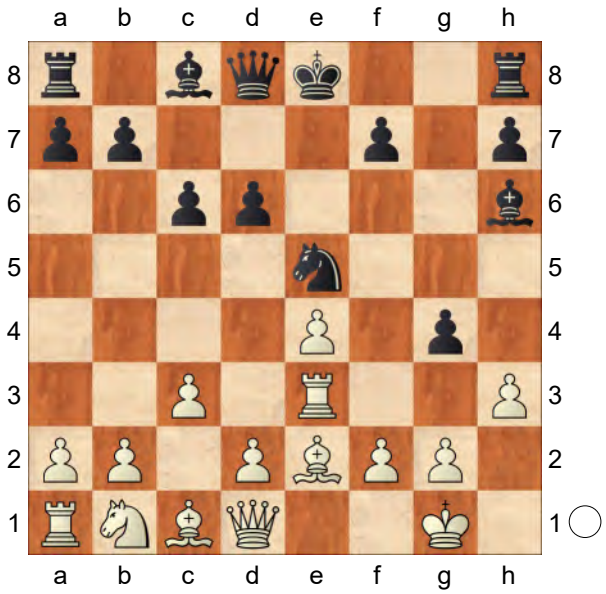
...fxe4. **31.Bb2?** -4.88/20
[31.exf5? perishes. Bd5 32.Re4 Re8-+ *(32...Bxe4? 33.Qxe4 Re8 34.Ne6-+)*]
[31.Re1 -1.73/20 Rxd4 *(31...Bxb4 32.Nxc6 bxc6 33.cxb4-+)* 32.cxd4 Bxb4 33.Rf1]
31...fxe4 aiming for ...Rd6. **32.a4** -8.04/19
[⌓32.c4 -4.01/20 Bxb4 *(32...Bxc4? 33.Rxe4 Bd5 34.Ne6-+)* 33.Ne2]
32...Rd6-+ 33.Kf1 Bd5 34.Rxe4 Rf6 35.c4 Bxc4+ 36.Ke1 Rh2 37.Qxh2 Qxh2
Weighted Error Value: White=1.47/ Black=0.41.
Loses game: White=2 ---
Mistake: White=7
Black=2
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=2
OK: White=7
Black=10
Best: White=2
Black=1
Strong: ---
Black=2
0-1

C61

□ **Velimirovic,Dragoljub**
■ **Despotovic,Momcilo**
Jugoslavija 9/198 1970
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 0.92/20
[Black should try 8...Be7± 0.40/20]
9.h3±
[9.cxd4 Qh4 10.h3 Qxf2+ *(10...Nxf2 11.Qe2=)* 11.Kh1 h5-+ *(11...Qxd4? 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.hxg4-+)*]
9...Ne5 10.Bf1 0.27/20
[10.d3± 0.83/21 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qb7 Rcb8 23.a6 Bg4 24.Rdb1 Be6 25.Bxd6 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
10...d3= 11.Re3N -0.26/20
[⌓11.f4 0.18/22 Ng6 *(11...Qb6+ 12.Kh1 h5 13.Re3 Nc4 14.Rg3 Bg4 15.Qe1 Nxb2 16.Qe3 Nd1 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.hxg4 hxg4+ 19.Kg1 d5 20.Bxd3 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 dxe4 22.Bc2 Bf2 23.Bxd1 Bxg3 24.Kg1 f5 25.Na3 Rh2 26.Nc2* Part Chapter-Games Part 4 Chapter 2 *)* 12.Qf3 *(12.Bxd3 Nxf4 13.Bf1 Qh4=)*]
11...g5 12.Bxd3 g4 13.Be2 d4 is the strong threat. **13...Bh6?** 2.25/21
[13...gxh3!= -0.17/20 and Black is okay. 14.g3 h5]

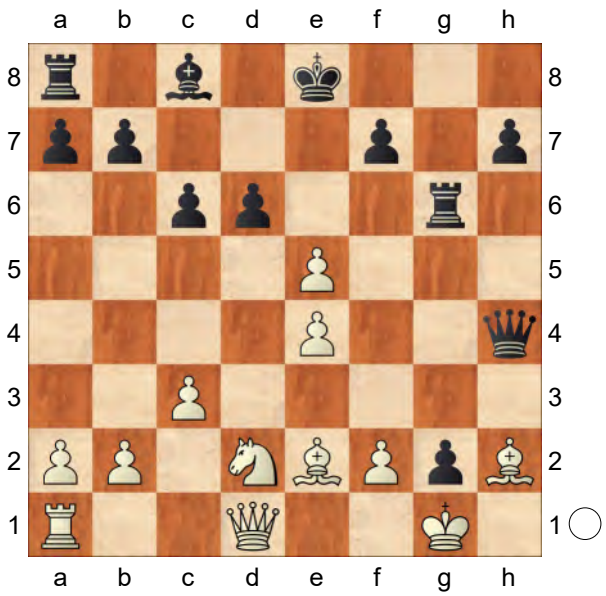
(Diagram)



This move loses the game for Black.
14.d4!+- Bxe3
[14...Ng6 15.hxg4]
15.Bxe3 gxh3 3.20/20
[15...Ng6 2.04/19 keeps fighting.]
16.dxe5 hxg2 aiming for ...Qh4. **17.Bf4**
[17.exd6? loses. Qh4 18.f4 Rg8-+]
17...Qh4 18.Bh2 A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Rg8** 2.73/20
[⌓18...dxe5 1.76/18 19.Nd2 f6]
19.Nd2 Rg6? 3.97/20
[19...dxe5 2.00/17 was necessary. 20.Nf3 Qe7]

(Diagram)

20.Nf3
[Not 20.exd6 Rxd6 21.Qc1 Rg6+-]
20...Qh3 21.exd6 Bg4 22.d7+ Kd8 8.43/21
[⌓22...Bxd7 4.19/22 23.Ne5 Rh6 24.Qxd7+ Qxd7 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.Rd1+ *(26.Kxg2 Ke7+-)* 26...Ke8 27.Kxg2 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8]
23.Ne5 White is clearly winning.
23...Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Rf6 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.Qd2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.95.
Loses game: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=2 Black=4
Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2
OK: White=4 Black=4
Best: White=2 Black=1
1-0

C61

□ **Cruywagen,J J**
■ **Muir,Walter Gabriel**
olm7 corr6977 1969
[MH]

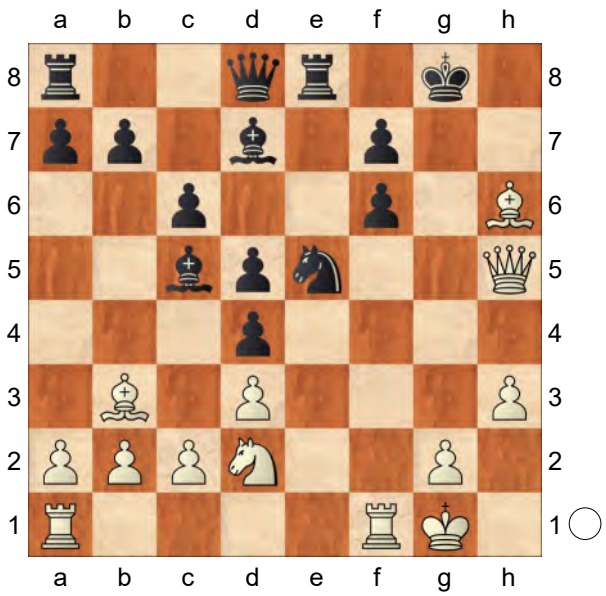
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Ba4 d6
[7...a5 8.c3 b5 9.Bc2 d6 10.Nd2 a4 11.h3 Ne7 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.d4 Bb6 15.Re1 f5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.exf5 Qf6 19.d5 Ba5 20.Re3 Bxc3 21.Rb1 b4 22.dxc6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d4 ♗g4 2761 (2507)-Karpuk,M (2372) 3/399 Sarajevo 1967 ½-½]
8.Bb3
[8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc2 f6 15.Nf3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Bf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Qc2 Qd3 L'Oiseau-Ba4,B 2008]
8...Nf6 9.h3 h6N
[9...a5 10.a4 0-0 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4 Bb4 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Nf3 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qc5 17.Rc1 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game 3]
10.f4 White is slightly better. **10...0-0**
11.f5 -0.01/20
[11.Nd2± 0.70/19]
11...d5= 12.e5 Nd7 13.f6 Nxe5
14.Qh5↑ White is more active.
[14.fxg7 seems wilder. Re8 15.Qh5 Ng6 16.Nd2]
14...gxf6
[14...Re8 looks sharper. 15.fxg7 Ng6 16.Nd2 Qh4]
15.Bxh6 And now Nd2! would win.
15...Re8 16.Nd2 Ne4! is the strong threat. **16...Bd7?** 4.66/21
[16...Ng6= 0.13/21]

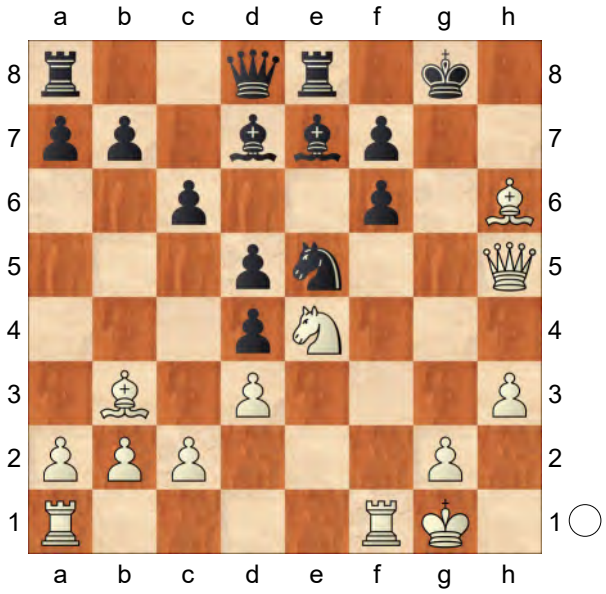
(Diagram)

17.Ne4!+- Double Attack **17...Be7**
[17...dxe4 18.Bxf7+ Nxf7 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Qg7#]

(Diagram)

18.c3? 1.77/21 **Be6 19.cxd4** 0.71/23





[Much less strong is 19.Ng3 Ng6]
[19.Rae1+- 1.80/19 is more deadly. Nxf6+! would now be deadly. Ng6 *(19...dxe4 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rxe4+-)* 20.Rf3]

19...Ng6? 3.34/21
[19...dxe4± 0.71/23 20.dxe5 Qd4+ 21.Kh1 Qxe5]

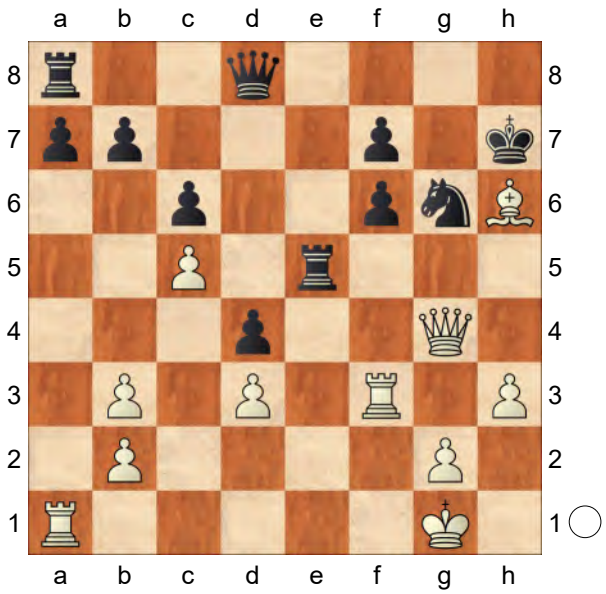
20.Nc5? 0.91/20
[20.Rf3+- 3.34/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

20...Bxc5 1.31/19
[⌓20...Bc8 0.91/20]

21.dxc5± Black must now prevent d4.

21...d4 22.Rf3 Bxb3 23.axb3 1.24/21
[White should play 23.Rg3+- 1.62/23 Threatening mate with Rxg6+. Qe7 24.axb3]

23...Re5 24.Qg4 Threatens to win with Raf1. **24...Kh7** 2.30/23
[24...Rxc5 1.61/21 was called for. 25.Raf1 f5 26.Rxf5 Rxf5 27.Qxf5 *(27.Rxf5 Qd7±)* 27...Qe7]



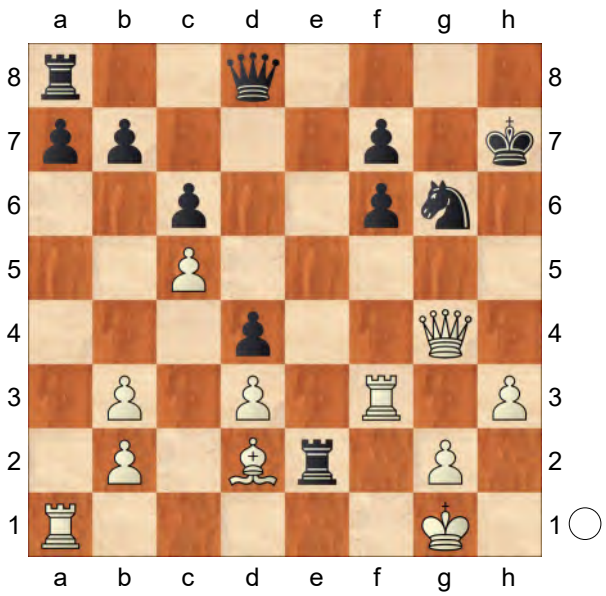
25.Bd2!+- Re2? 4.22/22
[25...Qd5 2.63/20 26.Rxf6 Rg8]

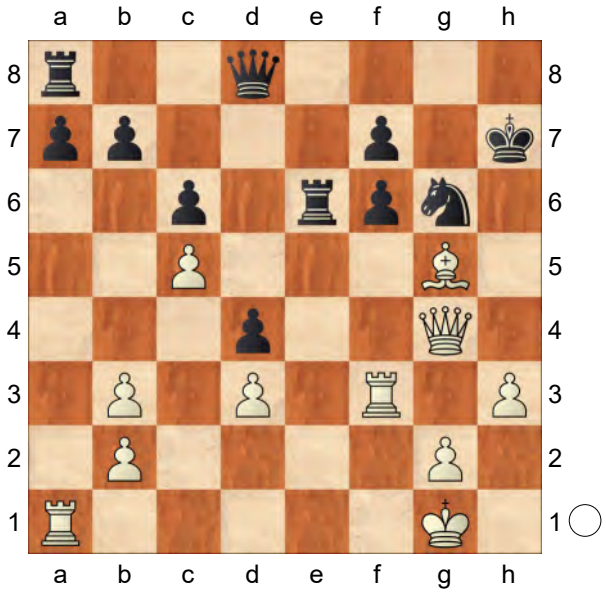
(Diagram)

26.Bg5? 1.52/21
[26.Raf1!+- 4.22/22 has better winning chances. Rxd2 *(26...Qe8 27.Rxf6)* 27.Rxf6]

26...Re6 5.98/22
[26...fxg5± 1.52/21 27.Rxf7+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack Kg8]

(Diagram)





27.Raf1! White is clearly winning.
27...Qd5
[27...Kg7 28.Bxf6+]
28.Rf5 Qxb3 29.Bxf6 Kg8 30.Rh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.82.
Loses game: --- Black=3
Missed win: White=2 ---
Mistake: White=4 Black=3
Inaccurate: --- Black=2
OK: White=8 Black=8
Brilliant: White=1 ---
. Loss on time!?
0-1

C61

□ **Tandai,Koichi**
■ **Cross,Robert Gary**
olm7 prel ICCF corr 1968
[Avery,MH]

1.e4 Myers Reithel Avery **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4!? 9.h3 Ne5 10.Bf1?!**
[10.d3! Nxc4 11.dxc4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Be7 13.Bf4 Be6 *(13...0-0 14.Qd3 Be6 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.a3 Rfe8 17.Bxd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Rad8 19.Qf4 Bxc4 20.e5 Bd3 21.Re3 Bg6 22.Rd6 Re7 23.Qa4 Qc7 24.Qxa7 h6 25.Qc5 Rde8 26.f4 Qc8 27.g4 Bh7 28.Na4 f6 29.Nb6 Qc7 30.e6 Rd8 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.Nd7 Rxd7 33.exd7 Qxd7 34.Qe7 Qd1+ 35.Re1 Qd4+ 36.Qe3 Qd7 37.Qe8+ Qxe8 38.Rxe8+ Kf7 39.Rb8 b5 40.Rb7+ Kf8 41.f5 Bg8 42.Rb8+*
1-0 Matanovic,A-Gliksman,D/Kraljevo YUG 1967/) 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.b4 Qa6 18.Ne3 Re8 19.Bxd6 Bb6 20.c5 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 Bd8 22.f4 f5 23.exf5 Bc4 24.Rc2 Bb5 25.Rc3 a5 26.a3 Bf6 27.Be5 axb4 28.axb4 Bxe5 29.fxe5 Rxe5 30.Rd7 Ra1+ 31.Kh2 Re1 32.Nc2 Re7 33.Rd6 Rc1 34.Rg3 Rxc2 35.f6 Re8 36.Rd7 Bc4 37.Rgxg7+ Kf8 38.f7 Rxg2+ 39.Rxg2 Bxf7 40.Rxb7 Bd5 41.Rf2+ Kg8 42.Rd7 Rb8 43.Rf4 Re8

44.Rg4+ Kh8 45.Rxd5
1-0 Kryvoruchko,Y-Llorente Zaro,A/ Cappelle la Grande FRA 2008/]

10...d3! 11.Re3

[11.f4!? Qb6+ 12.Kh1 h5 13.Re3 Nc4 14.Bxd3? *(14.Rf3! Bg4 15.b3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 d5 17.bxc4 dxc4 18.e5 Rh6 19.a4 0-0-0 20.Na3±* Myers *)* 14...Nxe3 15.dxe3 Be7 16.Qe1 g5 17.Nd2 Qd8 18.f5 g4 19.Qe2 Bh4 20.Kh2 Qf6 21.g3 Qe5 22.Qf2 b5 23.Qf4 Bf6 24.Qxe5+ Bxe5 25.h4 Rb8 26.Rb1 c5 27.a3 Bd7 28.Bc2 a5 29.c4 Bc6 30.b3 0-0 31.Kg2 Bc3 32.Kf2 Rfe8 33.cxb5 Bxb5 34.a4 Ba6 35.e5 Bxe5 36.Ne4 Bb7 37.Ng5 Bc3 38.Bd3 Bc6 39.e4 d5 40.exd5 Bxd5 41.Bb5 Re1 0-1 De la Riva Aguado,J-Domenech Plana,J/Catalunya ESP 1999/]

11...g5! 12.Bxd3 g4 13.hxg4?

[13.Be2 gxh3 *(13...Bh6? 14.d4 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 gxh3 16.dxe5 hxg2 17.Bf4 Qh4 18.Bh2 Rg8 19.Nd2 Rg6 20.Nf3 Qh3 21.exd6 Bg4 22.d7+ Kd8 23.Ne5 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Rf6 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.Qd2*
1-0 Velimirovic,D-Despotovic,M/ Yugoslavia YUG 1970/ *)*

A) 14.g3 Bh6 15.d4 Bxe3 16.Bxe3 Ng6 17.Bd3 h5 18.Kh2 Qe7 19.Nd2 Bg4 20.f3 Bd7 21.Qe2 0-0-0 22.Rg1 Rde8 23.f4 Bg4 24.Qf2 f5 25.e5 Qd7 26.Nc4 dxe5 27.fxe5 Nxe5 28.dxe5 Qxd3 29.Nd6+ Kd7 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Bf4 Ke6 32.Be3 b6 33.Qf4 Rd8 34.Qh6+ Kd5 35.c4+ Qxc4 36.Bf2 Qc2 37.Qe3 c5 38.e6 Re8 39.Re1 -4.23/26 *(⌓39.Rc1* -2.73/24 *Qe2 40.Qxe2 Bxe2 41.Kxh3)* 39...Kc6 40.Qf4 Qxb2 41.e7? -6.46/20 *(41.Qa4+* -3.45/21 *Qb5 42.Qxa7)* 41...Qxa2-+ 42.Re5 Kb5 43.Qe3 Rxe7 44.Rxc5+ Ka6 45.Qd3+ Kb7 46.Rc2 Qe6 47.Qa3? -7.90/14 *(47.Qc3* -3.99/19 *)* 47...Qe4 0-1 Van Delft,M-Scheerer, C/BL2 GER 2010/;

B) 14.d4 hxg2! 15.Rg3!

B1) 15...Qh4 0.48/19 15...Ng6 -0.21 16.Rxg2 Ng6 17.Bg5 Qxe4 18.Nd2 Qe6 19.Qf1 -0.62/16 *(19.Bg4=* 0.29/18 *f5 20.Bh5)* 19...Kd7 0.23/17 *(19...Be7!∓* -0.62/16 *20.Bg4 Qd5)* 20.Re1= Kc7! 21.Bc4 Qd7 22.Re3 d5 23.Bd3 Bd6 24.c4! f5 0.95/19 *(24...Bf4=* 0.00/21 keeps the balance. *)* 25.c5!± Bf4 26.Rf3? -1.07/18 *(26.Re7!±* 1.09/20 Bxf4+ would now be deadly. *Nxe7 27.Bxf4+ Kd8 28.Bd6)* 26...Bxg5∓ 27.Rxg5 Qg7 28.Bxf5 Qxd4 29.Qh3 Threatens to win with Bxc8. Bxf5 -0.62/20 *(29...Qh4!∓* -1.19/21 *30.Qg3+ Qxg3+ 31.fxg3 Bxf5 32.Rfxf5 Rhd8 33.Rf7+ Rd7 34.Rxd7+ Kxd7)* 30.Rgxf5∓ White threatens Rf7+ and mate. Raf8 -0.07/24 *(30...Rae8!∓* -0.87/19 *31.Rf7+ Re7 32.Rxe7+ Nxe7)* 31.Rxf8 -1.41/20 *(31.Rf7+=* -0.07/24 *Rxf7 32.Rxf7+ Kb8 33.Qd7)* 31...Rxf8?? 3.01/20 *(31...Nxf8∓* -1.41/20 *32.Rf7+ Kb8)* 32.Qxh7++- Kd8 3.88/16 *(⌓32...Kb8* 2.68/14 *33.Qxg6 Qxc5 34.Qg3+ Kc8)* 33.Qxg6+- Rxf3 34.Nxf3 Qxc5 35.Qg8+ Kc7 36.Qg7+ Kc8 37.Qh8+ Kc7 38.Qe5+ Kc8 39.Qe6+

Kc7 40.Qe5+ Kc8 41.Kg2 Qc4 42.Qh8+ Kc7 43.Qg7+ Kc8 6.09/19 *(⌓43...Kb8* 4.29/16 *44.Qe5+ Kc8)* 44.Ne5 1-0 Mecking,H-Baretic,D/Vrsac YUG 1971/;

B2) 15...Ng6!

B2a) 16.Bg4 -0.98/14 16.Rxg2 -0.10 Bxg4 -0.33/13 *(16...h5!∓* -0.98/14 *17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Kxg2 Qe7)* 17.Qxg4∓ h5 18.Qh3 Be7 19.f4 Nh4 20.Be3 -0.56/22 *(20.f5=* -0.17/22 *)* 20...d5 *(20...f5!? 21.Nd2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Qd7∓)* 21.Nd2 Qd7 22.Re1 0-0-0 23.Bf2 Qxh3 0.39/17 *(23...dxe4∓* -0.57/17 *24.Qxd7+ Rxd7)* 24.Rxh3± Ng6 25.f5 -0.52/19 *(25.Bg3!±* 0.61/20 *)* 25...Nf4∓ 26.Rf3 Bg5 27.e5? -2.65/19 *(27.Be3∓* -1.06/12 is a better defense. *Nd3 28.Rb1 Bxe3+ 29.Rxe3 dxe4 30.Nxe4)* 27...Rdg8-+ 28.Be3 Bh4 0-1 Anderson,J-McLaughlin,K/corr ENG 1997/;

B2b) 16.Rxg2 Rg8 17.Nd2 Qh4 18.Nf3 Qxe4 19.Ng5 Qe7 20.Nxh7 Nf4 21.Rxg8 -0.79/20 *(21.Bxf4=* 0.00/26 *Rxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Qe4+ 23.Bf3 Qxf4 24.Qe2+ Be7 25.Re1)* 21...Nxe2+∓ 22.Kg2 Qe4+ 23.f3 Bh3+! 24.Kf2! Qxh7 25.Qxe2+ Kd7! 26.Rg3 Re8! 27.Qd1 Be6 -0.23/21 *(*Black should try *27...Be7!∓* -0.70/19 *28.Bg5 Bxg5 29.Rxg5 Be6)* 28.Be3? -2.69/17 *(28.Qf1=* -0.23/21 *)* 28...Be7!-+ 29.Qf1? -4.31/22 *(29.Qh1* -2.33/21 *Qc2+ 30.Kg1 Qxb2 31.Rc1 Qxa2 32.Rg2)* 29...Bh4-+ 30.Bf4 -6.93/21 *(⌓30.Qg2* -4.42/20 *)* 30...Qf5-+ 31.Qc1 Bc4 0-1 Goodman,G-Abram,G/corr USA 1985/]

[13.Bf1 Bh6 *(13...gxh3 14.d4 hxg2 15.Bxg2 Ng6 16.Bh3 h5 17.Bxc8 Qxc8 18.Kh2 Bh6 19.Rh3 Qe6 20.Bxh6 Rxh6 21.Qf3 Ne7 22.Nd2 0-0-0 23.b3 h4 24.Rg1 Kc7 25.Rg4 Rdh8 26.Qg2 Ng6 27.f4 f5 28.exf5 Qxf5 29.Nc4 b5 30.Ne3 Qf6 31.f5 Ne7 32.Qf2 Rh5 33.Rf4 Nd5 34.Nxd5+ cxd5 35.Re3 h3 36.Re6 Qd8 37.Qe2 Qg5 38.Rg4 Qxf5 39.Rg7+ Kc6 40.Rxd6+ Kxd6 41.Qe7+ Kc6 42.Qc7#* 1-0 Wrathall,J-Lewis,J/corr USA 1982/ *)* 14.d4 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 Ng6 16.hxg4 Qh4 *(16...Bd7 17.Nd2 Qe7 18.b4 d5 19.exd5 cxd5 20.c4 dxc4 21.Nxc4 0-0 22.d5 b6 23.Qd4 Rfe8 24.Bh6 f6 25.g5 Ne5 26.d6 Qf7 27.Ne3 Rac8 28.Nd5 Kh8 29.Nxf6* 1-0 Prentos,K-Tsolakidis,P/Greece GRE 1992/ *)* 17.Nd2 Bxg4 18.f3 Be6 19.d5 cxd5 20.Bb5+ Kf8 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Qxd6+ Qe7 24.Bh6+ Kg8 25.Qd4 Qe5 26.fxe4 Qxd4+ 27.cxd4 Rc8 28.Rf1 Rd8 29.Rc1 Nf8 30.Rc5 Ne6 31.Rc3 f6 32.Bc4 Kf7 33.d5 Nc5 34.Rg3 Rhg8 35.d6+ Ne6 36.Rd3 Rg4 37.e5 Rxc4 38.Rf3 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Nd4 40.Bxc1 Nxf3+ 41.gxf3 fxe5 0-1 Escudero Sebastian,A-Vicente Haro,G/Martorell ESP 1997/]

13...Nxg4 14.Rg3 Qh4! 15.Bc2? -4.38/26

[15.Rxg4□]

[⌓15.Bc4 -2.71/20 Qh2+ 16.Kf1

Qh1+ 17.Ke2 Qxd1+ Deflection 18.Kxd1 Nxf2+ 19.Kc2]

15...Bh6

[15...Rg8!? 16.Qe1 Qh2+ 17.Kf1 Bh6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Be4 Qh1+ 20.Ke2 Qxe1+ 21.Kxe1 Bf4-+ Myers]

[15...Qh2+ 16.Kf1 Rg8 17.Qe1-+ *(17.Rh3? Ne3+ 18.dxe3 Qxg2+ 19.Ke1 Bxh3-+)*]

16.Qe1 Rg8

[16...Qh2+ 17.Kf1 Rg8 18.e5-+ *(18.Rh3? Ne3+ 19.dxe3 Bxh3-+)*]

17.Rh3 Qxh3! 18.gxh3 Ne3+!?

[18...Ne5+! 19.Kf1 Nf3! 20.Qd1 Bxh3+ 21.Ke2 Bg4? 2.46/15 *(21...Rg1∓* -0.87/21 stays on course. aiming for ...Ke7. *22.Na3 Bg4 23.Qxg1 Nxg1+ 24.Kf1 Nh3)* 22.c4?? -3.80/20 *(22.Qh1+-* 2.46/15 *Bf4 23.c4)* 22...Nxd2+ 23.Kd3 Bxd1-+ Myers]

19.Kh1 Nxc2 20.Qf1

[20.Qd1 Nxa1 21.d3? -2.72/19 *(21.d4∓* -1.18/5 was the only defense. *Bxc1 22.Qxc1 Bxh3 23.Nd2)* 21...Rg6 -1.58/19 *(21...Bxc1-+* -2.72/19 *22.Qxc1 Bxh3)* 22.f4∓ Bxh3-+ Myers]

20...Rg6 21.f4

[21.d4 Bxh3 22.Qxh3 Bxc1-+]

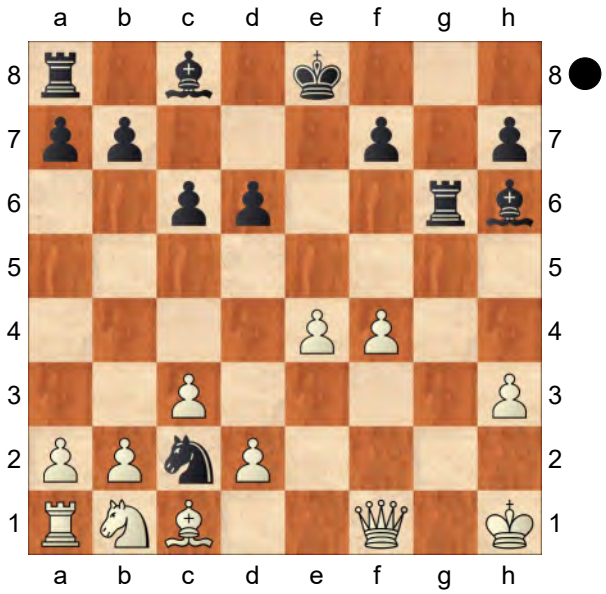
(Diagram)

21...Bxf4? 0.00/15

[21...f5! 22.d3 Nxa1 23.Nd2 -2.22/21 *(23.Qe2* -1.69/12 keeps fighting. *Kf8 24.Qh5)* 23...Bd7 24.exf5 Bxf5 Hoping for ...0-0-0. 25.Nf3 Kd7!-+ Myers]

[21...Nxa1 22.f5 Rg3 23.Kh2+-]

[21...f5!-+ -1.84/19 22.d3 Nxa1]



22.Qxf4= Bxh3 23.e5?? -3.37/18

[23.Kh2! Na3! is the strong threat. Be6 24.d4! And now Na3! would win. 0-0-0! White must now prevent ... Rdg8! 25.d5 cxd5 *(25...Bd7!?)* 26.exd5 Bd7! 27.Na3 Nxa1 28.Nc4 Bb5 0.70/24 *(28...Kb8!=* 0.17/24 *)* 29.Be3 0.00/23 *(*Better is *29.Qf5+!±* 0.70/24 *Kc7 30.Nxd6 Rdxd6 31.Bf4* Pin *)* 29...Bxc4!= 30.Qxc4+ Kb8 31.Qa4± Myers]

[23.Kh2= 0.00/15 and White is okay. Be6 24.d4]

23...0-0-0!-+ 24.exd6? -6.01/21

[⌓24.Na3 -2.92/13 dxe5 *(24...Nxa1? 25.Nc4-+)* 25.Qxe5]

24...Rdg8-+

[24...Nxa1? 25.d3-+]

25.d4

[25.Qxf7 Bg2+ 26.Kg1 Bd5+-+ Avery]

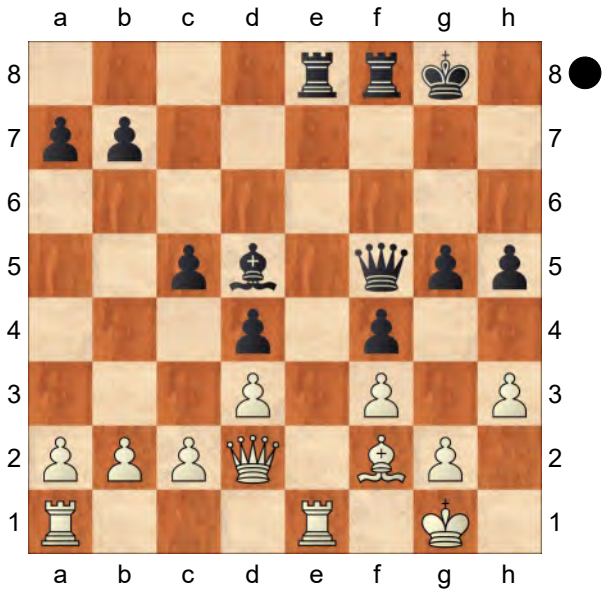
25...Be6 26.Qf2 Bd5+

0-1

C61

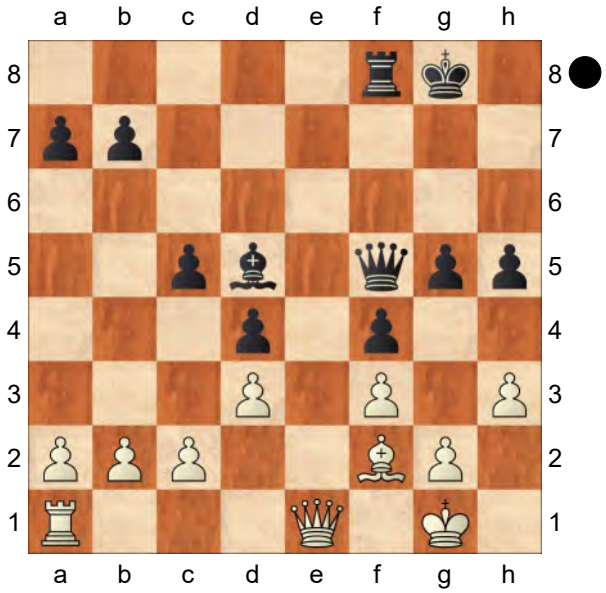
□ **Todorcevic,Miodrag**
■ **Thiellement,Andre**
Paris-ch 1966
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.d3
[7.Re1 d6 8.c3 Ng4 9.h3 Ne5 10.d3 Qb6 11.a4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Be7 14.a5 Qd8 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb3 Bg5 17.Bh2 Be6 18.Qxb7 Bd2 19.Red1 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.Qxc6 Rfc8 Solomon,S (2350)-8.e4 ♖e8 9.h3 (2139) corr T0267 www.desc-online.de 2014 1-0]
7...d5
[7...d6 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.a3 Nd7 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 b6 16.Bd2 Bf6 17.Ba2 Rb8 18.Rab1 b5 19.Bb3 h6 20.Be1 b4 21.Qf5 Bg5 22.h4 10.♘c3 ♗e6 11.♘e5 f6 (2336)-Peek,M (2269) tm Russia 1960 (1) 1-0]
8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Qf3N
[9.Re1+± Be7 *(9...Be6 10.Qh5 Qd7 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.Nd2 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Rac1* Nd4 Bird-5...c6 #3 *)* 10.Bg5]
[9.Nd2 Be6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.f4 f5 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.Qf3 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Qe2 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Rf6 20.Rd1 Rd6 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxf5 Qf6 23.g4 Rd8 2.c4 e5-6. 0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Levice Toth Memorial 2019 (3) 0-1]
[9.c3 Bc5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Qxb7 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qh4 14.g3 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 16.Kf3 h5 17.Re4 Bg4+ 18.Rxg4 hxg4+ 19.Kxg4 Nf6+ 20.Kf3 Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Rae8+ 22.Kd2 Qg2+ 23.Kd1 Qe2# Chapter Selected Games Of Ste-Games Chapter Selected Games of Steve Pozarek]
9...Be7 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Ne4
[11.Nb3±]
11...0-0= 12.Qe2
[12.Qg3=]
12...Qd7∓ 13.Bd2 f5 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 f4 16.Bxd5
[Better is 16.Rae1∓ Rae8 17.Qd2]
16...Bxd5∓ 17.f3 White is weak on the light squares **17...Rae8 18.Qd2**
[⌓18.Qd1]
18...Qf5
[18...Re3∓ ...h6 is the strong threat. 19.Bh4 Qe8]
19.Bh4∓ g5 20.Bf2 c5↑ Black is more active. **21.h3 h5 22.Rfe1**
[22.Rae1!= keeps the balance.]



22...Rxe1+
[22...Re3!∓ And now ...g4! would win. 23.Qd1 Rxe1+ *(23...Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qxh3 25.Bxe3=)* 24.Bxe1 b6]
23.Qxe1

[23.Rxe1∓ is superior. g4 24.fxg4 hxg4 25.g3]



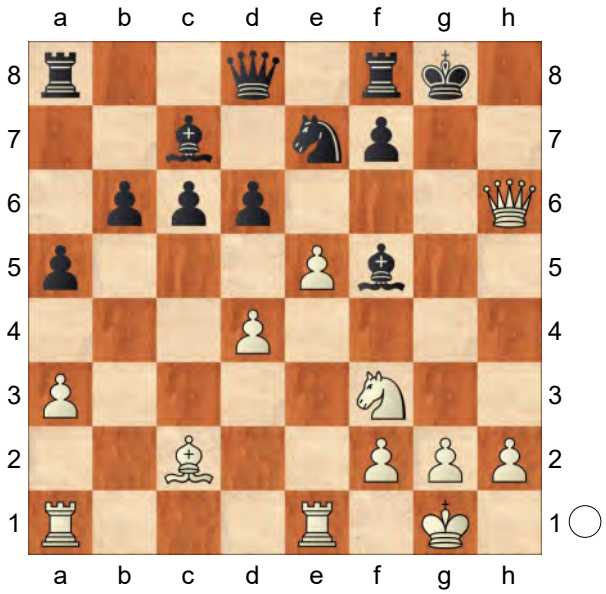
23...g4!∓ Black has more active pieces.
24.Qe7! Re1 would now be deadly.
24...gxf3 aiming for ...Qg6. **25.Re1?**
[25.Kh2∓]
25...Qg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.16 (very precise) .
Loses game: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=6
Black=2
Inaccurate: White=2
Black=1
OK: White=3
Black=6
Best: White=1
Black=3
Strong: White=1
Black=1
[25...Bxa2 26.Re5 Skewer, Double Attack *(26.gxf3 Rf7=; 26.Qxb7 Bd5∓)* 26...Rf7 27.Qxc5+-]
0-1

C61

□ **Zheliandinov,Viktor**
■ **Ozsvath,Andras**
2/227 Praha 1966
[MH]

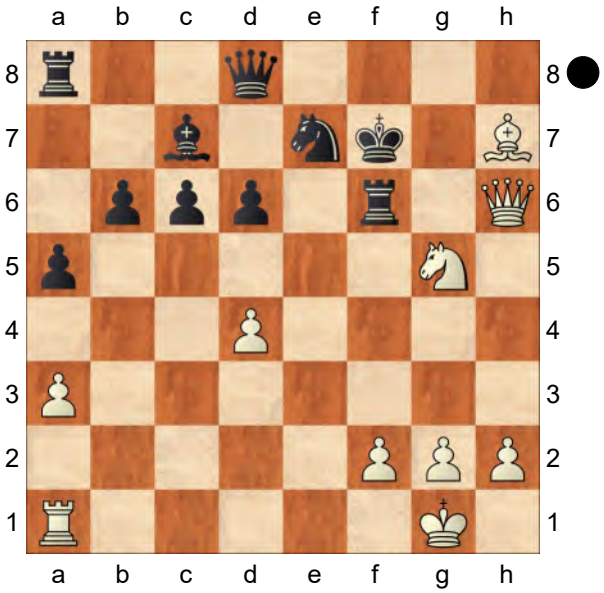
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: 'Inf 42/(398)"
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 Bc5 6.0-0 Ne7N
[6...c6 7.Ba4 *(7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.Re1 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.h3 g5 16.Bh2 Ra6 17.Kh1 Ng6 18.Re2 Bd6 19.Qg1 Bxh2 20.Qxh2 Nf4 21.Ree1 f5* Caulkett,P (2625)-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (2455) 111/ 60 San Sebastian 2011 1-0 *22.Nf3 Rh6 23.Qg3 Rg8 24.Nxd4 Qf6 25.Qe3 Ng6 26.Nf3 f4 27.Qd4 Qxd4 28.Nxd4 g4 29.Bxd5 Rd8 30.Be6 f3 31.Bxc8 Rxc8 32.Re4 fxg2+ 33.Kxg2 gxh3+ 34.Kh2 Rf8 35.f3 Nf4 36.Rg1 Rb6* Caulkett,P-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5 (ch) 77/27 Greece 1999 1-0 *)* 7...Ne7 8.f4 *(8.c3 d5 9.Nd2 Bb6 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f4 f5 13.e5 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.Nf3* Huebner,R (2620)-Nunn,J (2590) Bruxelles 42/(398) 1986*; 8.Qh5 d5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bb3 Be6 12.e5 Qe8 13.Qxe8 Raxe8 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bg5 Rff8 16.Rae1 Ng6 17.h3 h6 18.Bd2 Bd7 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Kf7* 12.h4 h5 13.♗h6-Smirnov,P Bognor 1961 *)* 8...d5 9.f5 dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 d3 13.cxd3 Be5 14.Rf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.Rh3 h6 17.Bxh6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qf2 19.Nc3 g6 20.fxg6 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Den Hamer,A (2605)-6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♕b2 8 (2450) Gothenburg

Manhem-A 2013]
7.Qh5 b6 8.c3 0.48/20 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[8.Bg5± 0.84/19]
8...a5 1.02/21
[8...c6!± 0.48/20]
9.Nd2± 0-0 White is better. **10.Nf3 dxc3** 1.59/20
[10...a4± 0.70/19]
11.d4 cxb2 12.Bxb2 c6 13.Ba4? 0.44/20
[13.Bc4+- 2.09/22 Intending Ng5! and mate. d5 14.dxc5 dxc4 15.Rfd1]
13...Bb4± 14.a3 White has compensation. **14...Bd6 15.e5 Bc7 16.Bc2 h6 17.Bc1** Threatens to win with Bxh6! **17...d6 18.Re1!→** Hoping for Bxh6! White attacks.
18...Be6? 3.08/21 Loses the game.
[Better is 18...Qd7± 0.52/18]
19.Bxh6+- Demolition **19...gxh6** 5.67/20
[19...g6 3.02/19 20.Qg5 dxe5 21.Bxf8 *(21.Nxe5 Nf5±; 21.dxe5 Re8+-)* 21...Qxf8 22.dxe5 *(22.Nxe5 Re8+-)* 22...b5]
20.Qxh6 Bf5



Dodges Qh7+ **21.Re4! Bxe4**

[21...Ng6 22.Ng5]
22.Bxe4 f5 23.exf6 Rxf6 24.Bh7+ Kf7 25.Ng5+



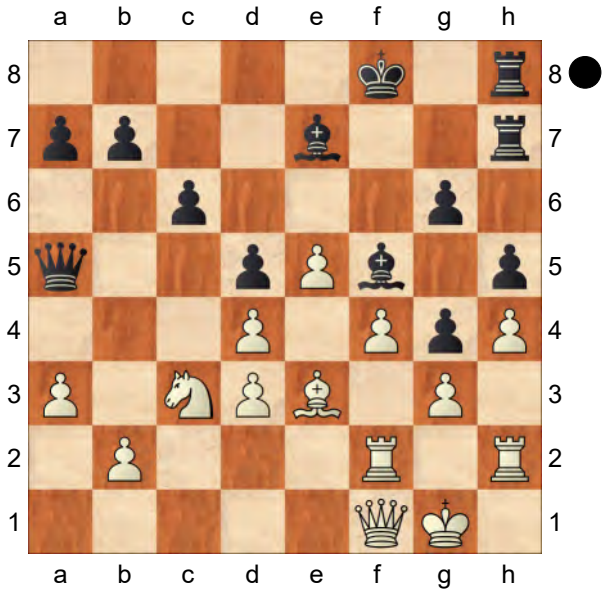
Deflection **25...Ke8 26.Qxf6** Black is weak on the light squares. White mates.
26...Qb8 27.Re1 Bd8 28.Bf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.63.
Loses game: ---
Black=1
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=1
Black=3
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=2
OK: White=5
Black=7
Best: White=1 ---
Strong: White=1 ---
Brilliant: White=1 ---
1-0

C61

□ **Paulsen,A**
■ **Nimzowitsch,Aron** **2550**
Uglev 1933
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 Opening = C61 - Spanisch-Bird Verteidigung /Ruy Lopez-Bird Defence
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.c3N
[5.Bc4 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Re1 Be7 8.c3 c5 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Na3 h5 12.Bf1 Ng4 13.h3 Ne5 14.d3 g6 15.Nc2 Qb6 16.b4 Nc6 17.Rb1 a6 18.a4 Bf6 19.b5 axb5 Anand,V-Barua,D/Calcutta 1986/½-½ (42)]
[5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6=]
5...Ne7⩲ 0.61/19
[5...Qg5!? 6.Bf1 Bc5= *(6...d3 7.Qf3 Bc5 8.Bxd3 Nf6 9.Qg3 Qh6 10.Bc2 Bd6 11.Qe3 Bf4 12.Qe2 d5 13.g3 Bg4 14.Qb5+ c6 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Bd1 Rae8 17.Bxg4 Nxg4 18.Qxa7 Rxe4+ 19.Kd1 d4 20.f3 Nf2+ 21.Kc2* Petras,G-Szalanczy,E (2300) Budapest 1981 0-1 *)* 7.b4 Bb6 8.d3 Qe7 9.a3 d6 10.Be2 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Qf6+ 13.Bf3 Qxc3 14.Ra2 Qf6 15.Re1 Be6 16.Rae2 Nh6 17.Bxh6 Qxh6 18.Kg1 0-0 19.d4 Bc4 20.Re3 c6 21.e5 Rfe8 Bagusis,V-Zalys,I Montreal 1984 ½-½ (51)]
[5...c6= 0.00/20 6.Bc4 *(6.Be2 Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.d3 b5 10.Be3 Qb6 11.Bxd4 Qxd4 12.Qd2 0-0 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Qe3 Qb4 15.Rab1 Rae8 16.Qxa7 Rb8 17.a3 Qd6 18.Qe3 Rfe8 19.f3 Qc7 20.d4 Ba6* Lichtenscheidt,R-Rossy,M Duesseldorf 1863 0-1 (55) *)* 6...Nf6]
[5...Bc5 6.Bc4 h5 7.d3 c6 8.Qc2 b5 9.Bb3 Bb6 10.Qe2 d6 11.h3 Qf6 12.Bd2 Ne7 13.Na3 Ng6 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Rhf1 a4 16.Bc2 Bc5 17.Nb1 Be6 18.a3 Bb3 19.Bxb3 axb3 20.f4 Noa,J-Bird,H Vienna 1882 ½-½ (107)]
6.cxd4⩲ c6 7.Be2 d5 8.d3 White is slightly better. **8...Be6** 0.90/20
[8...g6⩲ 0.52/20]
9.Nc3± Qd7± 1.07/21
[9...Qb6 10.Qb3⩲]
[⌓9...g6 0.75/21]
10.Be3 Ng6 2.03/20
[10...c5 11.Na4 0.67/23 *(11.dxc5?!* -0.07/19 11.e4xd5 1.17 *d4=; 11.exd5±* 1.19/23 *Nxd5 12.dxc5)* 11...b6⩲ 12.0-0±]
[10...g6± 0.85/20 was called for.]
11.Rc1 1.08/19
[11.f4!+- 2.03/20 Qe7±]
11...Be7 12.0-0 f5 13.e5 -0.10/21
[13.f4± 1.30/19]
13...0-0 1.18/20
[13...f4= -0.10/21 14.Bd2 0-0]
14.f4 Rf7
[14...Rae8 15.Bf3±]
15.Bh5 Rff8 16.g3±
[16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qf3 Rae8+-]
16...Nh8 17.Rc2 g6 18.Bf3 Rf7 19.Rg2 Rg7 20.Rff2 Nf7 21.h3 h6 22.h4 Kh7 23.Kh1 Rh8 24.Rh2 Kg8 25.Qf1 Rgh7 1.22/20
[⌓25...h5 0.91/21]
26.Qg1 Kf8 27.Rfg2 h5
[27...g5 28.Na4⩲]
28.Ne2 0.73/22
[White should try 28.Rc2 1.17/20]
28...Nh6 29.Rf2= 0.38/21
[⌓29.Rh3!?±]
[29.Nc1± 0.74/21]
29...Ng4⩲ 30.Bxg4 fxg4⩲
[30...hxg4!? 31.Nc3 Rh6=]

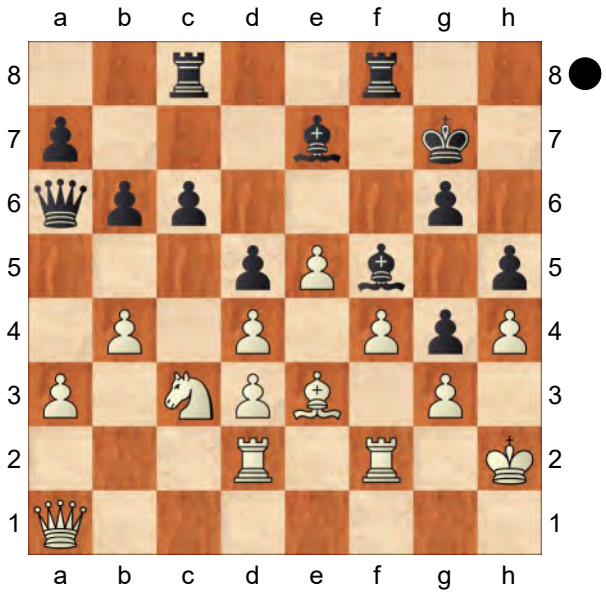
31.Nc3 Bf5 32.Qf1 Qd8 33.Kg1 Qa5 34.a3 -0.08/21
[34.Rc2± 0.43/22]



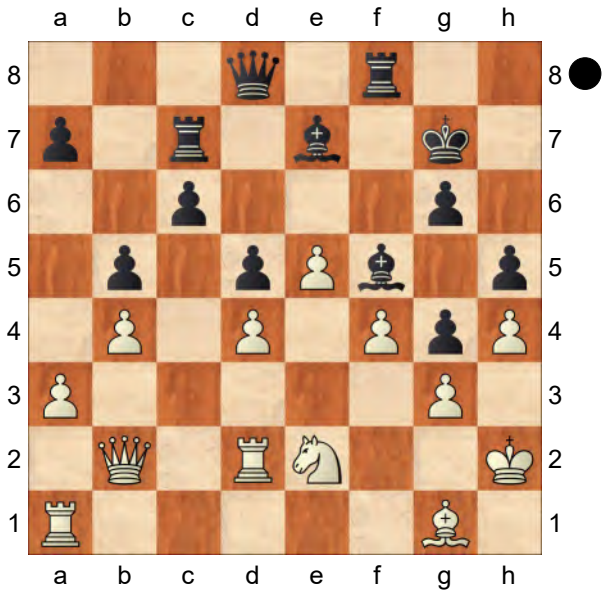
34...Qa6 0.46/22
[34...Bxa3!= -0.08/21 35.Nxd5 *(35.bxa3 Qxc3 36.Rd2 Qb3=)* 35...Qxd5 36.bxa3 Rd7]
35.Rd2 Rf7 36.Rhf2 Kg7 37.Kh2 Rc8 38.Qd1 Rff8 39.Qa1= -0.41/22
[39.Rfe2!?±]
[39.Rf1± 0.46/21]
39...b6± 0.22/21
[39...Bxd3!?∓ -0.41/22 40.Qd1 *(40.Rd1 Bf5)* 40...Bf5=]
40.b4?∓ -1.57/24
[⌓40.Qd1!?± 0.22/21]

(Diagram)

40...Bxd3= -0.38/21
[40...Bxb4!∓ -1.57/24 Hoping for ... Rf8-f7. 41.Rd1 *(41.Ra2 Be7)* 41...Be7 -0.83/21 *(41...Qxa3-+* -1.68/23 and Black stays clearly on top. *42.Qxa3 Bxa3)* 42.Rfd2∓]
41.Qb2 Bf5 42.Rfe2 -0.84/21

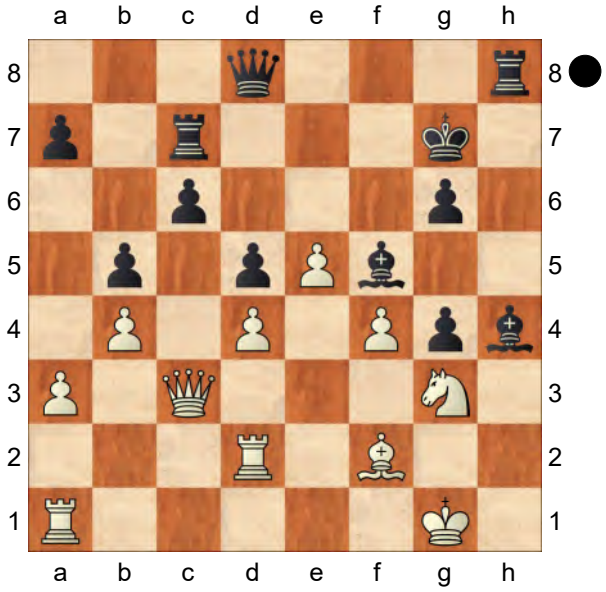


[42.Rd1!∓ -0.37/22 should be considered.]
42...Rc7 -0.46/19 &Nero is more active.
[42...Qc4∓ -0.84/21]
43.Bg1 Qc8 44.Re1 -0.78/21
[44.Bf2∓ -0.43/16]
44...b5 45.Ra1 Qd8 -0.37/23
[Black should play 45...a5∓ -0.72/20]
46.Ne2∓ -1.81/23
[46.Bf2!?= -0.37/23]

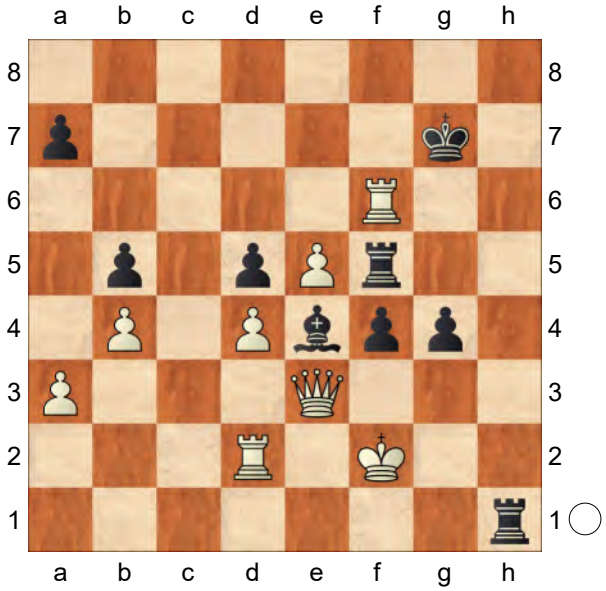


46...Bxh4! 47.Bf2
[47.gxh4? -5.33/22 47.Ra1-f1 -1.61

Qxh4+ 48.Kg2 Be4+ 49.Kf1 g5∓]
[47.Rf1 Be7]
47...Be7 48.Qc3 -2.06/23
[⌓48.Rf1 -1.62/20]
48...h4 49.Kg1 Rh8 50.gxh4 Bxh4 51.Bxh4-+ -2.99/23
[51.Ng3∓ -1.46/22



was the only chance. Bc8∓ -1.21/19
(⌓51...Rf7! -1.52/20 *52.Re1 Qc8)*]
51...Qxh4-+ Threatening mate... how?
52.Ng3 Inhibits Qh4-h1+. **52...Be4**
53.Rc1? -11.08/28
[⌓53.Qe3-+]
[53.Raa2 -2.75/25 Bf3 54.Rg2]
53...Rf7
[53...Bf3 54.Nf1 Qh1+ 55.Kf2 g3+ 56.Kxg3 Rh3+ 57.Kf2 Be4-+]
54.Qe3 Rf5?∓ -0.49/25 Black mounts an attack.
[54...Bf3 55.Qe1 Rxf4-+]
55.Rxc6∓
[55.Nxf5+?? -16.79/28 55.Rc1xc6 -0.30 gxf5 56.Kf1 Qh1+ -6.33/5
(⌓56...g3 -15.36/29 *57.Rg2 Bxg2+ 58.Kxg2 Qh2+ 59.Kf3 Qh5+ 60.Kg2 Qh2+ 61.Kf3 Qh5+ 62.Kg2 Qh2+)* 57.Qg1-+ Qf3+ 58.Rf2 Qxa3-+]
55...Qh1+= 0.01/5
[55...Rf7 56.e6 Re7 57.Re2∓]
56.Nxh1= Rxh1+ 57.Kf2 g5?? 2.27/25
[57...Rh2+ 58.Kf1 Rh1+ 59.Qg1 Rxf4+ 60.Rf2 Bd3+ 61.Kg2 White wants to mate with Rc6-c7+. Rxg1+ 62.Kxg1 Rxd4 63.Rc7+ Kh6±]
58.Rc7+? -0.01/21
[58.Rf6+- 2.27/25 gxf4



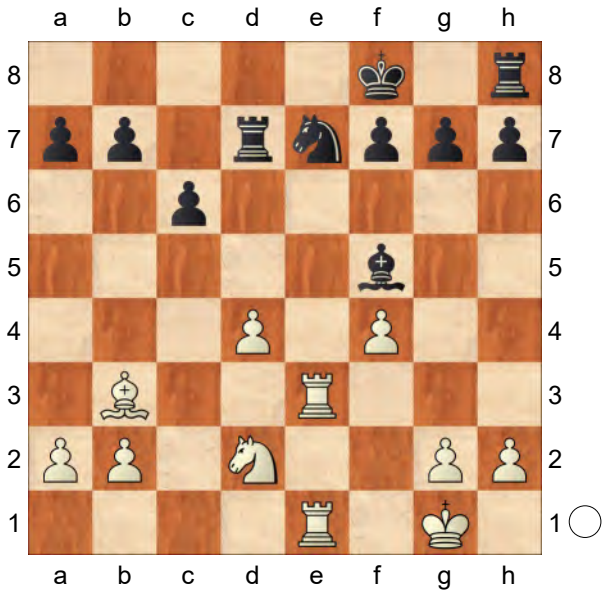
59.Qxf4! *(59.Qxe4? dxe4 60.Rxf5 e3+ 61.Ke2 Rh2+ 62.Kd3 Rxd2+ 63.Kc3 Rd1-+)* 59...Rxf4+ 60.Rxf4]
58...Kg6 Really sharp! **59.e6??-+** -12.96/26
[⌓59.Qg3 Rxf4+ 60.Ke2 And now Rd2-c2! would win. Bf3+ 61.Ke3 Re4+ 62.Kd3±]
[59.Rxa7 gxf4 60.Qg3 fxg3+ 61.Kxg3 Rg1+ 62.Kh2 Rff1 63.Ra6+ Kg5]
[59.Qc3= 0.01/24 Rxf4+ 60.Ke2]
59...gxf4-+ 60.e7
[60.Qxe4 dxe4 61.e7-+]
60...fxe3+ 61.Kg3
[61.Kxe3 Rf3+ 62.Ke2-+]
61...Rg1+ Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.53

[61...Rg1+ 62.Kh2 Rh5+ 63.Kxg1 Rh1#]
[61...exd2?? #7/16 61...Rh1-g1+ -#3 62.e8Q+ Rf7 63.Qxf7+ Kg5 64.Qf4+ Kg6 65.Qxg4+ Kh6 66.Rc6+ Kh7 67.Qd7+ Kg8 68.Rc8#]
0-1

C61

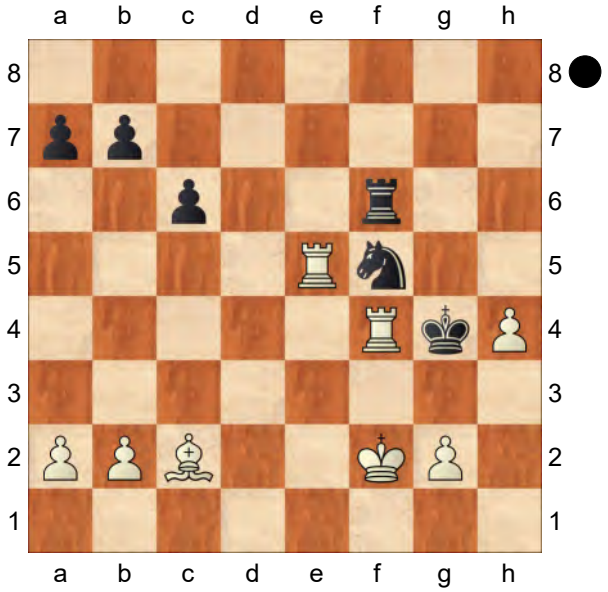
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Grigoriev,Nikolay Dmitrievich**
Moscow-ch01 1919/20 10.1919
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 c6 6.Bc4 Ne7
[6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.c4 a6 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.d3 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.b4 dxc4 15.dxc4 Nc6 16.b5 axb5 17.cxb5 Nb4 18.Nc4 Qf5 19.Re5 Qc2 20.Bf4 Qxd1+ 21.Rxd1 10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2838)-Molaei, M (2698) Palma de Mallorca 1967 (4.4) 1-0]
7.d3 d5 8.Bb3N
[8.exd5 Nxd5 9.c3 Bc5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Qxb7 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qh4 14.g3 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 16.Kf3 h5 17.Re4 Bg4+ 18.Rxg4 hxg4+ 19.Kxg4 Nf6+ 20.Kf3 Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Rae8+ 22.Kd2 Qg2+ Chapter Selected Games Of Ste-Games Chapter Selected Games of Steve Pozarek]
8...dxe4 1.37/15
[⌓8...a5 0.96/13]
9.dxe4 Ng6 10.c3 0.03/15
[10.f4± 1.39/18]
10...Bc5= 11.Qh5 Qe7 12.Bg5 -0.20/14
[12.Kh1 0.26/11 feels stronger.]
12...Qxe4 0.70/13
[12...f6= -0.20/14 13.Bd2 d3]
13.Nd2± Qg4 14.Rae1+ Kf8 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.cxd4 Be7
[16...Bxd4? 17.Re4+-]
17.f4 0.16/16 White is more active.
[17.Bxe7+± 0.64/16 is superior. Nxe7 18.f3]
17...Bf5!= 18.Bxe7+ Nxe7 19.Rf3 Rd8 20.Rfe3 Rd7 1.97/21
[20...Nc8!= 0.15/20 and Black is okay.]



A mistake that costs the game. **21.Nc4!↑** Threatens to win with Ne5. White is on the roll. **21...Be6 22.Ne5 Rxd4 23.Nxf7! Kxf7** 2.80/12
[⌓23...Bxf7 1.67/21 24.Rxe7 Bxb3]
24.Rxe6
[24.Bxe6+ Kg6±]
24...Nd5 25.Re7+ Kf6? 4.47/20
[25...Kg6 2.55/17]
26.R1e6+
[26.Rxb7 a5 27.g3 g5 28.fxg5+ Kxg5+-]
26...Kf5 27.Bc2+ Kxf4 28.Rxg7
[28.Rxb7 g6 29.Rxa7 *(29.Rxc6 Nb4±)* 29...Nb4+-]

28...Rf8 Prevents Rf7+ **29.Rxh7** And now Rh4+ would win.
[29.Rxb7 h5 30.Rb3 *(30.Rxa7 h4+-; 30.Rxc6 Ne3+-)* 30...Rg8 31.Rf3+ *(31.Rxc6 Ke5+-)* 31...Kg5 32.Re5+ *(32.Rxc6 Ne7+-)* 32...Kh6+-]
29...Ne3 30.Rh3 White wants to mate with Rf3+.
[30.Rh4+ Kg5 31.Rxe3 Kxh4∓ *(31...Rxh4 32.Re5+ Kf6 33.Rf5+ Ke7 34.Re5+ Kd6 35.Re2∓)*]
30...Nf5 5.47/21
[⌓30...Nxg2 3.54/17 31.Bh7 *(31.Re2 Rg8+-)* 31...Rf7 32.Kxg2 Rd2+ 33.Kg1 Rfd7 *(33...Rd1+? 34.Kf2+-)* 34.Re4+ Kg5 35.Rg3+ Kf6 36.Rf3+ Kg5 37.Re5+ Kh6]
31.Rf3+ Kg5 32.Re5 Rf4 33.Kf2 Hoping for Rxf4. **33...Rf6 34.h4+ Kg4** #8/16
[34...Rxh4+- 5.16/17 35.Bxf5 *(35.Rfxf5+ Rxf5+ 36.Rxf5+ Kh6+-)* 35...Kh6]
35.Rxf4+



Remove Defender **35...Kxf4 36.Re4#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.71.

Loses game: ---
Black=1
Mistake: White=3
Black=6
Inaccurate: ---
Black=2
OK: White=11
Black=8
Best: White=4
Black=4
Strong: White=2
Black=1
1-0

C61

□ **Blackburne,Joseph Henry**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
North of Ireland Congress (4) 15.09.92
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s)]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 h5 0.82/19
[5...g6± 0.43/17]
[5...c6 6.Bc4 *(6.Ba4 Bc5 7.0-0 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7* Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 2014 CBM 052 Extra [Karpov,An/ Mazukewitsch] 1-0 (42) *)* 6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kasparov, G (2775)-Salov,V (2630) Barcelona 1989 CBM 012 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] 1-0 (46)]
6.c3 Bc5N

[6...c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nd2 g5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nb3 g4 14.Qg3 gxh3 15.Qxh3 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bb6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nf6 19.Rf3 Ng4 20.Nd4 0-0-0 21.Raf1 Judd,M-Bird,H New York 1889 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] 0-1 (35)]

7.0-0 c6 8.Ba4 White is better. **8...d6 9.Qe1** 0.51/17

[9.Nd2± 0.95/18]

9...Qf6 10.Kh1 0.18/19

[10.b4± 0.68/21 Bb6 11.c4]

10...Nh6= 11.f3 h4 0.56/19

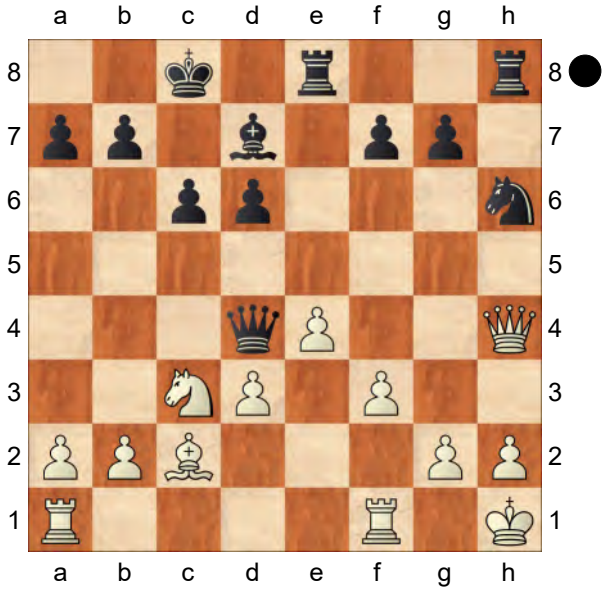
[11...a5= 0.19/19 should be considered.]

12.Bc2 0.10/19

[12.b4± 0.56/19 feels stronger. Bb6 13.Bb2]

12...Bd7 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Nc3! 0-0-0 15.Be3 Rde8 16.Bxd4! Qxd4 17.Qf2

[Wrong is 17.Qxh4?



Ng4! 18.Qg3 *(18.Ne2? Qxb2 19.Qe1 Nxh2-+)* 18...Nxh2 19.Qxh2 Qe3-+]

17...Qxf2 18.Rxf2 g5 19.b4 f5 20.Re2 -0.49/20

[20.d4= -0.14/20]

20...g4 21.f4 Rhf8 -0.03/19

[Better is 21...g3∓ -0.54/21]

22.Rf1 -0.37/21

[22.g3= -0.03/19]

22...Kc7 23.Bd1 -0.45/19

[23.Bb3= -0.09/21]

23...Be6 -0.01/21

[23...fxe4∓ -0.45/19 24.dxe4 Be6]

24.Rc2 -0.33/20

[24.Rfe1= -0.01/21]

24...fxe4 25.dxe4 Bc4 26.Be2 Bxe2

[26...d5!?]

27.Rxe2 d5! 28.exd5 Rxe2 29.Nxe2 cxd5∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **30.Nd4 Re8** Against Nd4-e6+ **31.f5** -1.36/23

[31.g3∓ -0.49/22]

31...Re4∓ 32.Ne6+ Kd6 33.Ng7 -3.21/22

[33.Kg1∓ -1.40/21 was worth a try.]

33...Rxb4 34.f6 Nf7 -1.17/21

[34...d4-+ -2.12/21 Hoping for ...d4-d3. 35.Kg1 *(35.a3? Rc4-+)* 35...Nf7 36.Nf5+ Ke6 37.Nxh4 d3]

35.Nf5+ Ke5 -0.55/23

[35...Ke6∓ -1.60/22 36.Nxh4 Rb2]

36.Nxh4∓ d4 37.Ng6+ -0.91/22

[37.h3!∓ -0.43/21]

37...Ke4 -0.39/22

[37...Kd5∓ -0.91/22 And now ...d4-d3 would win. 38.Kg1 Ra4]

38.Kg1 -1.29/22 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

[38.Re1+∓ -0.39/22 Kf5 39.Ne7+ Kg5 40.Nd5]

38...Rb2∓ 39.h4 -2.48/23

[39.Rf2∓ -1.01/22 Rb1+ 40.Rf1 Rxf1+ 41.Kxf1]

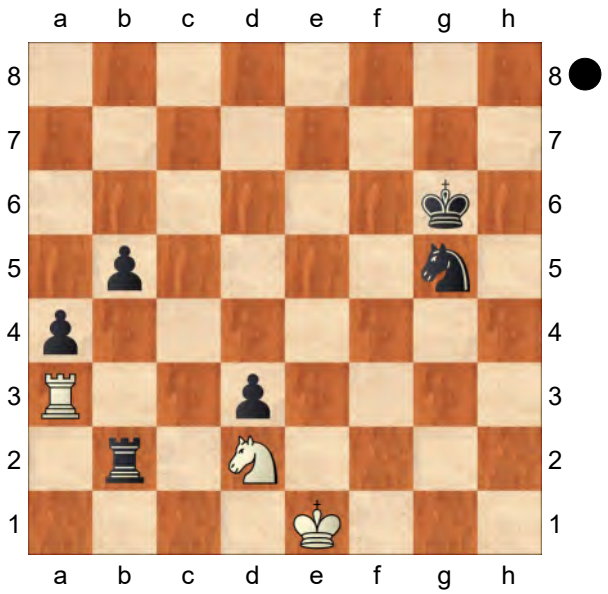
39...gxh3

[Not 39...Rxa2 40.Re1+ Kf5 41.Ne7+ Kxf6 42.Nd5+ Kg6 43.Re4]

40.gxh3 -2.22/22

[40.Rf4+ -1.62/22 was necessary.

Kd5 41.Rg4]
40...d3-+ 41.Re1+ Kf5 42.Ne7+ Kxf6 43.Nd5+ Kf5 -1.42/23
[Black should try 43...Kg7-+ -2.49/21 44.Rd1 Ne5]
44.Ne3+ -2.53/21
[44.Rf1+∓ -1.42/23 Ke4 45.Nc3+ Kd4 46.Nd1]
44...Kg6 45.Nc4? -3.28/21
[45.Rd1∓ -1.56/19]
45...Rxa2 46.Rd1 -4.86/21
[46.Rb1 -3.19/21 might work better.]
46...b5 47.Nd2 Ng5 Against Nd2-f3. Strongly threatening ...Ra2xd2! **48.Kf1 Nxh3 49.Kg2 Ng5** ...Ng5-e4 is the strong threat. **50.Kf1 Rb2** Against Nd2-b3 **51.Ke1 a5** aiming for ...Kg6-f5. **52.Ra1 a4** White must now prevent ... Kg6-f5. **53.Ra3**



Ne4! 54.Nxe4 KRN-KR **54...Re2+ 55.Kd1 Rxe4 56.Rxd3** KR-KR **56...Rc4 57.Rd6+ Kf7 58.Ra6 Ke7** Threatens to win with ...Ke7-d7. **59.Ra5 Rc5 60.Kd2 Kd6 61.Kd3 Kc6 62.Ra8 Kb7 63.Ra5 Kb6 64.Ra8 Rc7** -7.17/23
[⌓64...Rc4 -18.19/27 65.Kd2 Kc5]
65.Rb8+ Ka5 66.Kd2 Kb4 67.Rb6 a3 68.Rh6 a2 69.Rh1 Ka3 (-> ...Ka3-b2)
70.Kd3 Rd7+ -6.64/18
[⌓70...b4 -#14/19 71.Ke4 b3 72.Kd4 b2 73.Rh3+ Kb4 74.Rh8 Rc4+ 75.Ke5 Rc5+ 76.Kf4 a1Q 77.Rh7 Qf1+ 78.Kg4 Qf5+ 79.Kh4 Rc4+ 80.Kg3 Rc3+ 81.Kh2 Qf2+ 82.Kh1 b1Q#]
71.Kc3 b4+ 72.Kc4 Kb2 -5.77/18
[⌓72...b3 -#13/18 73.Rh6 Rc7+ 74.Kb5 Rb7+ 75.Kc5 Rb4 76.Rh1 b2 77.Rh3+ Rb3 78.Rh8 b1Q 79.Ra8+ Kb2 80.Rxa2+ Qxa2 81.Kd4 Qa4+ 82.Kd5 Rb5+ 83.Kc6 Qa6+ 84.Kc7 Rb7+ 85.Kd8 Qa8#]
73.Rh2+ Ka3? 0.01/19
[73...Kb1 -#18/25 mates 74.Kb3 Rd3+ 75.Kxb4 a1Q 76.Rh1+ Kb2 77.Rxa1 Kxa1 78.Kc4 Rd8 79.Kc3 Kb1 80.Kb3 Rc8 81.Kb4 Ka2 82.Kb5 Ka3 83.Ka5 Rc5+ 84.Ka6 Kb4 85.Kb6 Rc3 86.Ka6 Kc5 87.Kb7 Kb5 88.Ka7 Kc6 89.Kb8 Kb6 90.Ka8 Rc8#]
74.Rh1!= b3 75.Kb5 Rd2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

C61

□ **Lasker,Emanuel**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Match GBR Newcastle-upon-Tyne (1)
[MH]

Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): 'C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
' **1.e4** Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s) **1...e5** Opening = C61 - Spanisch-Bird Verteidigung /Ruy Lopez-Bird Defence
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 Nxf3+ 5.Qxf3 Nf6
[5...Qf6 6.Qb3 Bc5 7.0-0 Nh6 8.h3

0-0 9.d3 Qg6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 d5 12.exd5 Bxh3 13.Rf2 Qg3 14.Qc3 Ng4 15.Qd2 Qh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ 17.Ke2 Nxf2 18.gxh3 Nxh3 19.Qe1 Ng1+ 20.Kd1 Charmeteau,S (2292)-Nezar,M (2339) Brest 2019 CBM 190 Extra [ChessBase II] ½-½ (62)]

6.d4N

[6.d3 Bc5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Ke2 b5 12.Bb3 a5 13.a4 b4 14.Nd1 Rg8 15.g3 f5 16.f3 d6 17.Ne3 f4 18.gxf4 exf4 19.Ng4 Bxg4 20.fxg4 Rxg4 Knazovcik,L-Sarkosy,L/CSR-ch 1992/TD 92\10/0-1 (32)]

[6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 Be7 *(7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.d4 Be7 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qb5+ Nd7 13.Rd1 Bd6 14.Be3 0-0 15.Nd2 a6 16.Qb3 Nf6 17.f3 b5 18.c4 c6 19.Rac1 Qe8 20.Nf1 Rd8* Sakharov,Y-Skotorenko,V Odessa 1949 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (35) *)* 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 c6 10.Nd2 Qc7 11.Nf1 d5 12.exd5 e4 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Rxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.b3 Qa3 19.Qc2 Rb8 20.Re1 Bd7 21.Re5 Rfe8 22.f4 Rxe5 23.fxe5 Qa5 24.c4 Bc6 25.Qd2 Qxd2 26.Nxd2 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rc8 28.Kf2 Rc2 29.Ke3 Rxa2 30.d6 Kf8 31.d5 Ke8 32.e6 f6 33.d7+ Kd8 34.Ne4 Ra6 35.Kd4 Rb6 36.Kc5 Rxb3 37.Nd6 Ke7 38.Nf7 1-0 Glueck,G-Braun,H/VLNBaden 1992/GER 04]

[6.Qb3 Qe7 *(≤6...Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Nc3±)* 7.Nc3 c6=]

6...d6

[6...exd4 7.0-0∓]

7.Qb3 Qe7

[7...Nxe4? 8.Bxf7+ Ke7 9.Nc3±]

8.dxe5 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): 'The position is equal.' **8...dxe5** 0.47/20

[8...Nxe4= -0.01/21 might be stronger. 9.Qf3 *(9.Bd5 Nc5∓)* 9...Qxe5 10.Bxf7+ *(10.Qxf7+ Kd8=)* 10...Kd8]

9.0-0 -0.01/20

[9.Nc3 0.47/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '⩲' '⩲' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' deserves consideration.' c6 10.a4 Nd7⩲]

9...c6

[9...Nxe4 10.Qa4+ c6 11.Bd5=]

10.Qf3

[10.Nd2 Bg4=]

10...h6

[10...Bg4!? 11.Qe3 Qb4=]

11.Nc3 g5

[11...Bg4 12.Qe3=]

12.a4 Be6 13.Qe2

[13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Rd1 g4=]

13...Nd7⩲

[13...Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Qb4 15.Qe2=]

14.Rd1 Qf6 15.Be3 Bb4 16.Na2 Be7 17.b4 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' Inhibits Nd7-c5.'

[17.Rd2 Nb6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6⩲]

17...Nb6 18.Bb3 0-0 19.a5 Nc8 20.Rab1 Nd6 21.Nc3 a6 1.09/19 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' Against b4-b5'

[21...Rfd8⩲ 0.63/22]

22.Bb6 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '⩲' '⩲'

22...Ne8 1.53/23

[⌓22...Bxb3 1.00/22 23.Rxb3 Qe6]

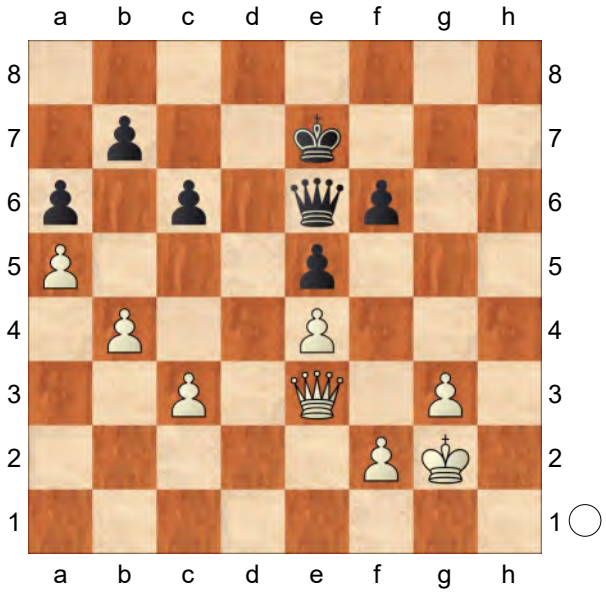
23.Na4 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.' **23...Ng7 24.c3 Bxb3 25.Rxb3 Ne6 26.g3** Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' Prevents Ne6-f4.'

26...Bd8 2.21/21

[26...Rfe8⩲ 1.41/22 27.Rd7 Rab8]

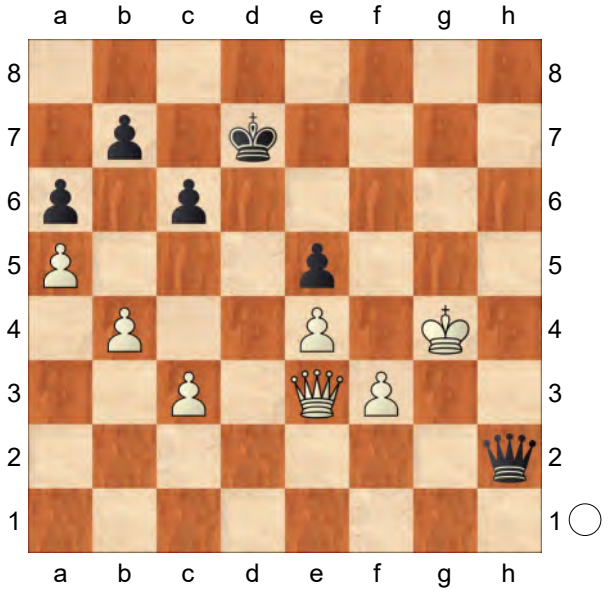
27.Rb2 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '+-!' '+-

! **27...Qg6** 2.59/21
[⌓27...Re8 1.97/22 28.Rbd2 Rb8]
28.Rbd2 h5 2.85/18
[⌓28...Bxb6 1.68/20 29.Nxb6 Rad8]
29.Bxd8 1.44/25
[29.Bc5 Re8±]
[29.Rd7+- 2.85/18]
29...Raxd8 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '±' '±' **30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxd8+ Nxd8 32.Nc5 g4 33.Qd3** 0.88/23
[Better is 33.Qd2 1.49/22 Ne6 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Qd8+ Kf7 36.Qd7+ Kf6 37.Qxb7 Qxe4 38.Qxa6]
33...Ne6 1.36/25
[33...Qg5!?±]
[⌓33...Qf6 0.88/23]
34.Nxe6±
[⌓34.Nxb7!? Kg7 35.Nd6+-]
34...Qxe6 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): 'Endgame KQ-KQ' **35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qg5** Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '!' '!' **36...f6 37.Qxh5+ Kg7 38.Kg2 Qd7 39.h3 gxh3+ 40.Qxh3 Qd6+-** 2.45/26
[40...Qd3 0.93/26 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '±' '±' 41.Qg4+ Kf7 42.Qf3±]
41.Qg4+ 1.42/27
[41.Qc8+- 2.45/26 Qe7 42.f3]
41...Kf7 2.99/25 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[41...Kh6± 1.42/27 42.Qh3+ Kg6 43.Qf5+ Kh6 44.Qh3+ Kg6 45.Qg4+ Kh6 46.Qh3+]
42.Qf3± 1.28/24
[42.Qc8 2.99/25 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '+-' '+-' Qe7+- 43.Kf3]
42...Qe6 3.15/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[42...Ke7± 1.28/24 43.Qe3 Qd1]
43.Qe3 1.21/24 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[43.Qf5+- 3.15/21]
43...Ke7 2.27/22 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '
[43...Qc4± 1.21/24 44.f3 Qa2+ 45.Qf2 Qb1]

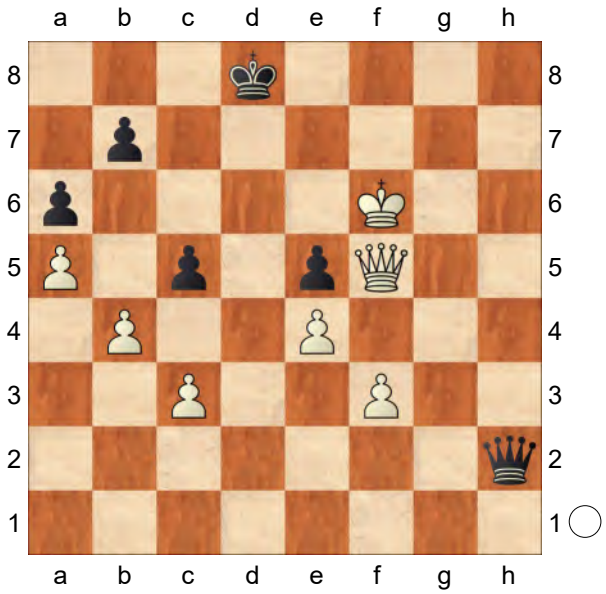


' **44.f3** 1.15/25
[White should try 44.Qh6!+- 2.27/22]
44...Kd6 3.52/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[44...Qd7± 1.15/25 might work better. 45.Kf2 Qh3]
45.Kf2 0.97/25 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[45.Qc5++- 3.52/21 and White stays clearly on top. Kd7 46.Qf8]
45...Qa2+ 46.Qe2 Qe6 47.Qd2+ Kc7 1.61/20
[47...Ke7± 1.06/22 48.g4 Qf7]
48.g4 1.02/24
[48.Qh6+- 1.61/20]
48...Qc4 2.24/25
[48...Qg8± 1.02/24 49.Kg3 Qg6]
49.Qe3 1.17/25
[49.Qh6+- 2.24/25]
49...Qa2+ 1.76/23
[49...Qg8± 1.17/25 was called for. 50.Kg3 Qg5]
50.Kg3 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '+-' '+-'
50...Qa1 51.g5 0.97/26
[⌓51.f4 1.43/26]

51...fxg5 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '**±**' '**±**'
52.Kg4 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' And now Qe3-c5 would win.'
[Of course not 52.Qxg5 Qg1+ 53.Kh4 Qh2+ 54.Kg4 Qg2+ 55.Kh4 Qh2+ 56.Kg4 Qg2+ 57.Kh4 Qh2+=]
52...Qb2 2.23/24 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[52...Qh1!**±** 0.50/23]
53.Kxg5 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '+-' '+-' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' Kg5-f6 is the strong threat.' **53...Kd7** 4.51/25 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[53...Qh2 54.f4+-]
[53...Qg2+ 2.09/21 54.Kf6]
54.Kg4± 1.07/22 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[54.Kf6 4.51/25 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '+-' '+-' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' has better winning chances.' Qh2 55.Qd3+ Ke8+-]
54...Qh2 2.54/22 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '
[54...c5**±** 1.07/22 keeps fighting.]



' **55.Kf5** 0.01/23 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[55.f4 exf4 56.Qxf4 Qg2+ 57.Kh4 Qc2+-]
[Only move: 55.Qg5!+- 2.54/22]
55...Qg3+- 1.97/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[⌓55...Qh5+!? 0.01/23 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '=' '=' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): ' and Black has nothing to worry.' 56.Kf6 Qh8+ 57.Kg5 *(57.Kg6 Qe8+ 58.Kg5 Ke7)* 57...Ke6**±**]
56.Kf6 c5 4.63/26 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '?' '?'
[56...Ke8 57.Qd3**±**]
[56...Kc7 1.94/26 is a better defense. 57.Qd3 Qh2]
57.Qg5 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): 'White is clearly winning.'
[57.bxc5 Ke8+-]
57...Qh2
[57...Qxf3+ 58.Qf5+ Qxf5+ 59.Kxf5 cxb4 60.cxb4 Kd6+-]
58.Qf5+
[58.Qxe5?! Qh8+ 59.Kf5 Qh5+ 60.Kf4 Qh2+ 61.Kf5 Qh5+ 62.Kf6 Qh8+ 63.Kf5 Qh5+=]
58...Kc6?
[58...Kd8



59.Ke6! cxb4 60.cxb4 Qa2+

61.Kxe5 Qa4 62.Qf8+ Kd7 63.Qd6+ Kc8+-]

59.Qc8+ Kb5 60.Qxc5+ 2.58/5

Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s): '

Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.64'

[60.Qxc5+ Ka4 61.Qxe5 Qh8+ 62.Ke6 Qe8+ 63.Kd6 Qb8+ 64.Kd5 Qg8+ 65.Kc5+-]

[⌓60.Qxb7+ 4.60/18 Kc4 61.Qd5+ Kb5 62.Qxc5+ Ka4 63.b5 Qh8+ 64.Ke7]

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C61

□ **Mason,James**

■ **Bird,Henry Edward**

British CA Congress-03 Masters (3)

[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

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003 Spanische Partie

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 0.90/20

[5...Bc5⩲ 0.37/19]

[5...Bc5⩲ 0.41/21]

6.d3±

[6.c3 Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 1.22/21 *(11...Nd5⩲* 0.56/20 *)* 12.Bb3 0.38/20 *(12.exf6±* 1.22/21 *dxc4 13.fxg7)* 12...Ng8⩲ 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 0.12/21 *(17.a4⩲* 0.60/19 feels stronger. *)* 17...Qxe7= 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4

Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2716) Moscow 2002 CBM 091 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (47) 21.Ng1 f6 22.Rae1 fxe5 23.dxe5 Qc5 24.a3 Qd4 25.Qc1 Rde8 26.Bg6 Re6 27.Bf7 Re7 28.e6 Qf6 29.f5 Bc7 30.Qc3 Rh6 31.Bg6 Qxc3 32.bxc3 h4 33.c4 h3 34.g3 Bd6 35.cxd5 cxd5

Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich,A (2716) Moscow 2002 CBM 091 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (47)]

6...Bc5

[6...c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.f4 -0.17/19 *(8.e5±* 0.88/20 *)* 8...d5= 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8! 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 -0.19/21 *(16.Qd2!* 0.24/22 was preferrable. *Qxd2 17.Bxd2)* 16...Qa6 0.38/21 *(16...Qd8=* -0.19/21 *)* 17.Qe1⩲ Bxf3 0.83/23 *(17...f6=* 0.14/20 keeps the balance. *)* 18.Rxf3± Qc6 1.08/21 *(18...Re8!⩲* 0.61/21 *)* 19.g4± a5 20.a4 Ng6 1.57/22 *(⌓20...Qg6* 1.07/19 *)* 21.Qf1 Mortimer,J-Bird,H London 1886 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (43) Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5 Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8 Mortimer,J-Bird,H London 1886 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (43)]

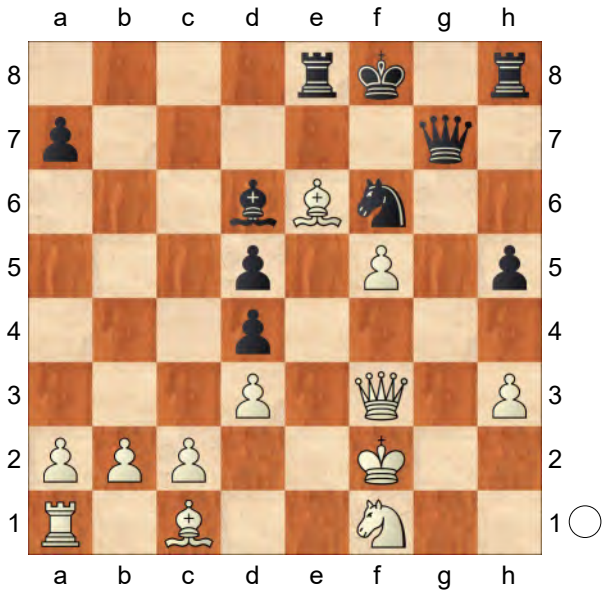
7.Nd2N

[7.Bf4 g5 0.91/19 *(7...a6⩲* 0.51/19 *8.Ba4 Ne7)* 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ 0.62/22 *(*White should try *11.Bb3±* 0.98/20 *)* 11...Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6? 2.70/23 *(12...f6±* 0.82/21 *13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Bxd5 Ne7)* 13.Qxd5+- Be7

4.02/22 *(⌓13...Qf5* 2.56/21 *14.Bxg5 Qxd5 15.Bxd5 f6)* 14.Bxg5+- Qg6 6.40/22 *(⌓14...Qe6* 4.09/24 *15.Bxe7+ Qxe7)* 15.Bxe7++- Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 21.Ne4 Rg7 Prokofiev,S-Qxd4 Side Lines 9. ... ♕d4+:_133530 1889 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 1-0 22.Nf6+ Kh6 23.Qf4+ Qg5 Hoping for ...Qg5xf4. 24.Qxg5+ 1-0 (24) Bajarani,U (2485)-Javanbakht, N (2461) Konya TUR 2019 [Flear, Glenn]]

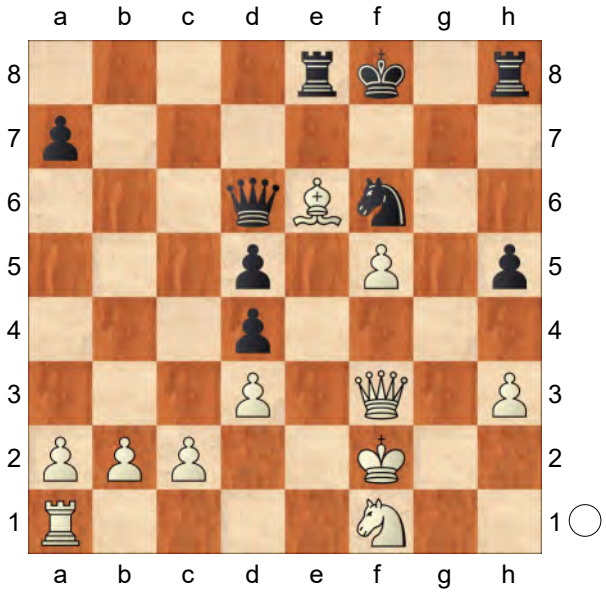
[7.h3 c6 8.Bc4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ 0.44/21 *(10.Bb3±* 0.78/19 *)* 10...Kf8± 11.Ba4 g5 12.Re1 Black must now prevent Re1-e8+. Be6 13.f4 -0.44/23 *(13.Nd2!±* 0.36/22 *)* 13...b5 0.19/24 *(13...g4∓* -0.44/23 *)* 14.Bxb5= Qa5 0.87/23 *(14...g4!±* 0.31/23 *)* 15.Bc6± Rc8 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Bd7 Rd8 1.41/23 *(17...Rc7!±* 0.67/21 *18.Bxe6 g4)* 18.Bxe6± Re8 19.f5 g4 20.Nd2 Qc7 21.Nf1 gxh3 Winawer,S-Bird,H Paris 1878 EXT 2019 [Schallopp,Emil] 1-0 (54) 22.gxh3 Qg7+ 1.71/22 *(22...Nf6±* 1.29/21 was necessary. *)* 23.Kf2 1.08/19 *(23.Kh1+-* 1.71/22 *)* 23...Nf6 24.Qf3 Bd6 1.67/21 *(24...h4±* 1.02/21 *)*

(Diagram)



25.Bf4 0.97/24 *(25.Ng3!+-* 1.67/21 *)* 25...Qc7 1.40/23 *(*Better is *25...Bxf4* 0.97/24 *26.Qxf4 h4)* 26.Bxd6+± Qxd6

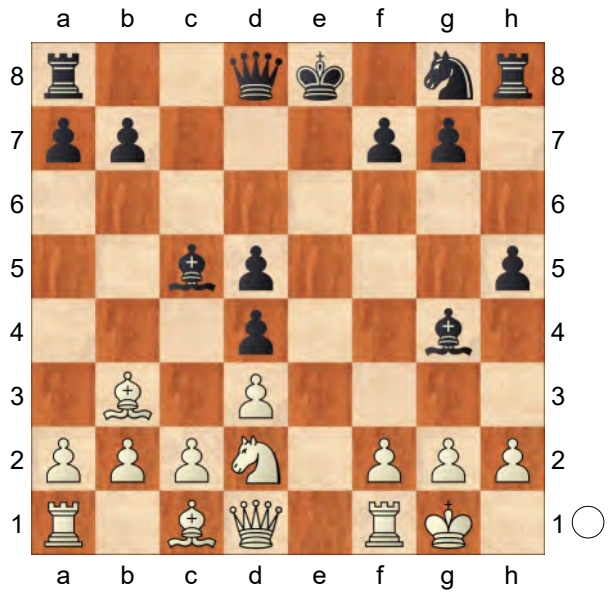
(Diagram)



27.Re1 0.73/22 *(⌓27.Qg3!* 1.40/23 *Qxg3+ 28.Nxg3)* 27...Rb8 1.05/24 *(*Black should play *27...h4* 0.73/22 *)* 28.b3± h4 1.65/23 *(28...Rb7±* 1.14/22 *)* 29.Kg1 0.57/25 *(29.Ke2+-* 1.65/23 *)* 29...Rh7 1.03/22 *(29...Re8±* 0.57/25 deserves consideration. *)* 30.Qf2± Qb4 31.Re2 Rb6 2.26/21 *(31...Rbb7±* 1.15/25 *)* 32.Qf4 0.93/22 *(32.Kh1+-* 2.26/21 *)* 32...Rbb7 1.94/22 *(32...Nh5±* 0.93/22 *33.Qf3 Rg7+ 34.Kh1 Rg5)* 33.Qe5+- Rhg7+ 34.Kh1 Qe7 35.a3 1.16/23 *(35.Qxd4+-* 1.94/20 *a5 36.a3)*

35...Rg5 1.76/24 *(35...Nh5±* 1.16/23 might work better. *)* 36.Qxd4+- Qg7 Cramling Pia-Qxd4 Side Lines Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu, Chen] 1-0 (54) 37.Qf2 Re7 38.c4 Nh5 39.cxd5 Qf6 40.Rc2 Qa1 41.Rc8+ Kg7 42.Rg8+ Kh6 43.Rxg5 Kxg5 44.Qg1+ Kf6 45.Ne3 Ng3+ 46.Kg2 Qxg1+ 47.Kxg1 Rb7 48.d6 Ne2+ 49.Kh2 Nd4 50.Ng4+ Kg5 51.d7 Rb8 Winawer,S-Bird,H Paris 1878 EXT 2019 [Schallopp,Emil] 1-0 (54) 52.Ne5 Kf6 53.Nf7 Rg8 54.d8Q+ 1-0 (54) Cramling Pia-Qxd4 Side Lines Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu,Chen]]

7...c6 8.Bc4 White is better. White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb3 Bg4**



11.f3 0.14/21

[11.Nf3!± 0.86/21]

[11.Nf3± 0.80/18]

11...Be6!= 12.Re1 Ne7 13.Nf1 -0.13/20

[⌓13.Ba4+ 0.26/20 Nc6 14.Nb3]

13...Nf5 0.29/19

[13...h4 -0.13/20 might be stronger.]

14.Bf4 -0.14/18

[14.Ng3 0.25/22 feels stronger. Nxg3! 15.hxg3]

[⌓14.Ng3 0.29/19 Nxg3 15.hxg3]

14...a5 15.a3 -0.42/20

[15.Ng3= -0.01/21 aiming for Ng3xf5. Nxg3 16.Ba4+ *(16.hxg3?* -2.50/22 16.Bb3-a4+ -0.01 *a4-+)* 16...Kf8 Threatens to win with ...Ng3-f5. 17.hxg3 *(17.Bxg3 h4=)*]

[15.Ng3= -0.10/19 Nxg3 16.Ba4+ *(16.hxg3? a4-+)* 16...Kf8 17.Bxg3 *(17.hxg3 h4=)*]

15...a4∓ 16.Ba2 h4 Against Nf1-g3. Prevents Nf1-g3. **17.Qe2 Kf8 18.Bc1 Qc7 19.Bd2 Kg8 20.Bb4** -1.09/23

[Better is 20.Qd1 -0.71/21]

[⌓20.h3 -0.71/21]

20...Bxb4∓ 21.axb4 Rh6 22.Rac1 Rg6 -1.04/20

[⌓22...h3 -1.37/23 Strongly threatening ...h3xg2. And now ... h3xg2 would win. 23.g3 Qd6]

[⌓22...Qb6 -1.39/22 23.Qd2 Rg6]

23.Qe5 Qd8 24.f4 Inhibits Qd8-g5.

24...Rc8 25.c4 dxc3 26.bxc3 Qb6+ -0.50/23

[26...h3∓ -1.18/20 27.g3 Nh4 -0.62/16 *(27...Qd7∓* -1.07/20 *28.d4 Nh4)*]

[26...Qd6∓ -0.94/23]

27.d4∓ Rd8 0.08/18

[27...h3∓ -0.31/22 28.g3 Rf6 *(28...Qc6!?)*]

28.Bb1= Rf6 29.Ne3 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Qd6 31.f5 -0.41/22 Black must now prevent Qe5xd6.

[31.Qxd6= -0.01/23 Rxd6 32.Bd3]

31...Bd7∓ 32.g4 hxg3 33.hxg3 Bb5 34.g4 a3 -0.01/25

[Black should try 34...Kf8∓ -0.51/20]

35.g5

[35.Ba2 seems wilder. Kf8 36.Kf2 Rh6 Prevents Rc1-h1. 37.Qxd6+ Rdxd6 38.Kg3 Against Rh6-h2]

35...Qxe5 36.Rxe5 Rfd6 37.Ba2! f6 38.gxf6 gxf6 39.Re3 Kf7 40.Kf2 Rh8 Threatens to win with ...Rh8-h2+. **41.Kg2** -0.31/23 Against Rh8-h2+. Inhibits Rh8-h2+.

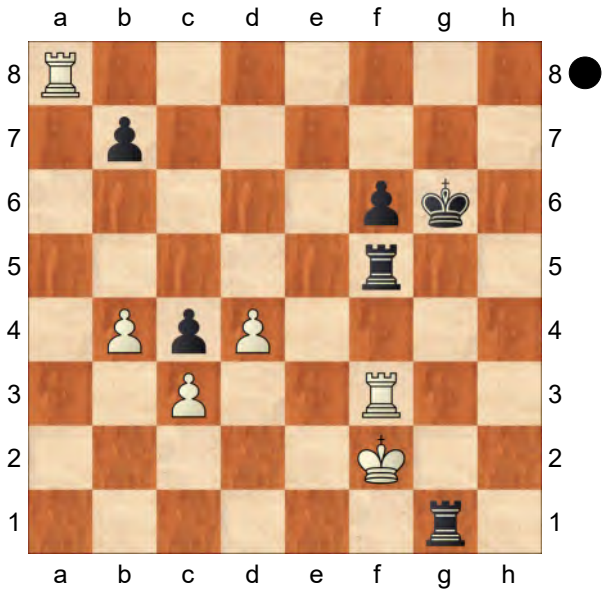
[41.c4= 0.01/24 Bxc4 42.Bxc4 dxc4 43.Rxc4]

[41.c4= 0.01/24 Bxc4 42.Bxc4 dxc4 43.Rxc4]

41...Rdd8 0.01/22 next ...Rh8-h5 is good for Black.

[41...Rh5∓ -0.61/22 ...Rh5-g5+ is the strong threat. 42.Rce1 Rg5+ 43.Kh2! Kf8]

42.Rce1 Re3-e7+ is the strong threat. **42...Rhg8+ 43.Kf3** And now Re3-e7+ would win. **43...Rd7** Inhibits Re3-e7+. **44.Bb3 Rg5 45.Kf4 Bc4 46.Bxc4 dxc4=** Endgame KRR-KRR **47.Ra1 Rd5 48.Rxa3 Rdxf5+ 49.Ke4 Rf1 50.Rf3 Re1+ 51.Kf4 Kg6 52.Ra8 Rf5+ 53.Kg3 Rg1+** The position is equal. **54.Kf2!**



Rf1+! The position is equal. **55.Kxf1 Rxf3+** KR-KR **56.Ke2 Rxc3** Black wants to play ...Rc3-b3. **57.Rb8 Rd3 58.Rxb7 Rxd4 59.Rc7 Kf5 60.b5 Rd5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) .
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C61

□ **MacKenzie,George Henry**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
DSB Kongress-04 Meisterturnier (5)
[MH]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 0.74/20

[5...c6± 0.33/19 was preferrable. 6.Bc4 Nf6]

6.d3±

[6.c3 Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich, A (2716) Moscow 2002 CBM 091 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (47)]

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7.Nd2N
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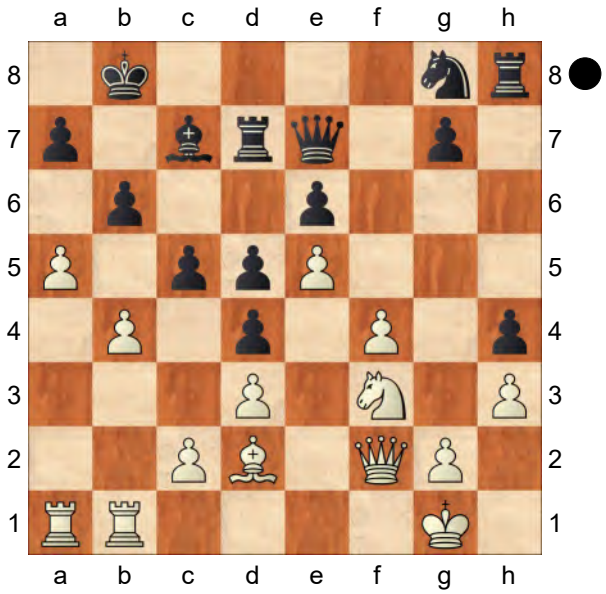
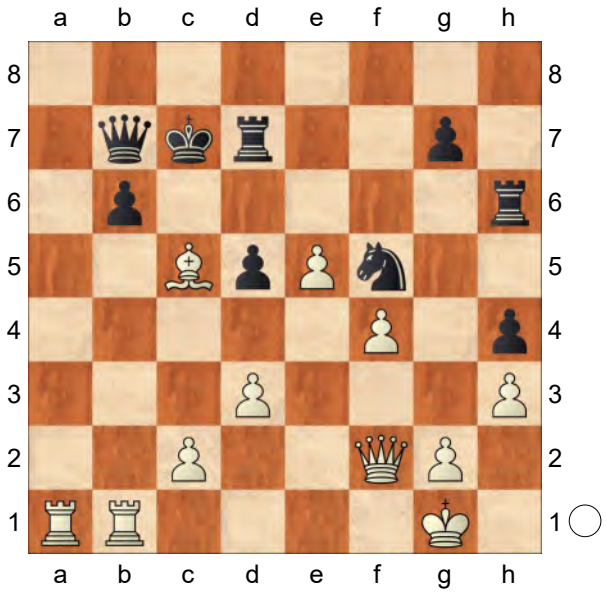
[16...d5± 1.30/19]
17.a5+- Bc7 18.b4 d5 2.33/22
[18...Rh5± 1.45/19 is a better defense. 19.Bd2 Nh6]
19.e5 Rd7 20.Bd2 aiming for b4xc5.
20...Kb8 3.52/22
[⌓20...Nh6 2.20/21 21.Nxh4 *(21.Qxh4 Bd8+-)* 21...Re8]
21.Qf2 b6 22.Rfb1



b4xc5 is the strong threat. **22...Nh6?** 6.98/21
[22...Ka8 2.87/21 23.f5 exf5 24.axb6 Bxb6]
23.bxc5 White is clearly winning.
23...Qxc5 24.Bb4 Qc6 25.Nxd4 Qb7 26.Nxe6 Nf5 27.Nxc7 Kxc7 28.axb6+ axb6 29.Bc5 Rh6

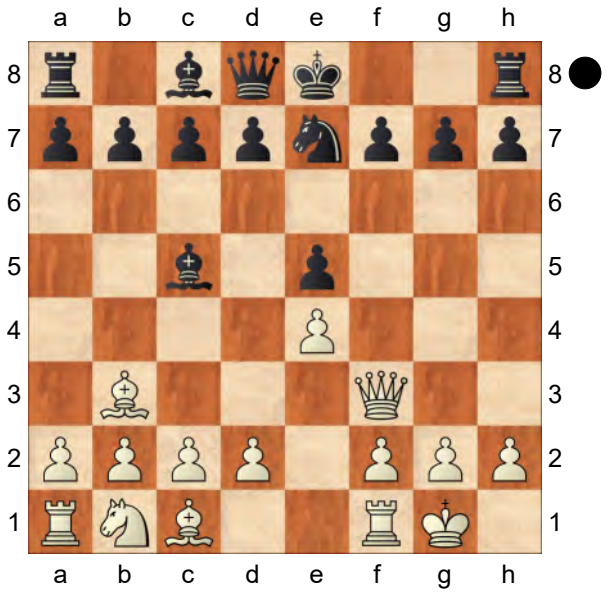


30.Bxb6+!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

C61

□ **Schallopp,Emil**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
DSB Kongress-03 Meisterturnier (17)
[MH]

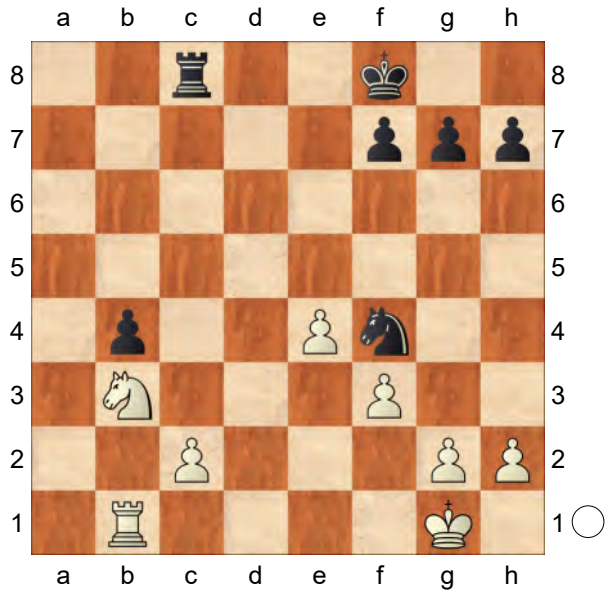
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 43/(400)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0**
[5.b4 Bxb4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bxd4 d5 10.a3 Ba5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.Bb3 Qc6 14.f4 Kosten,A (2440)-Flear,G (2495) Gausdal 1987 Inf 43 [RR]]
5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Ne7
[6...Qh4 is interesting. 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0]
7.Bb3N
[7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 Bb6 9.Nc3 d6 10.Rad1 f5 C 61/01]



7...0-0 8.d3 The position is equal. **8...a5 9.Be3 d6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Rad1 Ng6**
[11...Bd4!? 12.a4 Be6=]
12.d4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 b5 aiming for ...a5-a4. **15.a4! c5 16.Rd2** &Bianco is more active.
16...bxa4 1.06/23
[⌓16...b4 0.72/20]
17.Nxa4 0.70/22
[Better is 17.Bxa4± 1.06/23 Rb8 18.b3]
17...c4± White must now prevent ...Ng6-e5. **18.Ba2!**
[18.Bxc4 Ne5 19.Qc3 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Ba6∓]
18...Be6 0.70/22
[18...Rb8! 0.39/23 is more appropriate.]
19.Qg3 Qb8 0.97/22
[19...Rb8± 0.53/21]
20.Qxd6 0.42/23
[White should play 20.Rxd6± 0.97/22 Qb5 21.Nc3]
20...Qb4 1.09/23
[20...c3!± 0.42/23 21.Nxc3 Qxb2 22.Bxe6 Qxc3]
21.b3 0.63/23
[21.Nc5± 1.09/23]
21...Rfb8 22.Rb1 Qxd6 23.Rxd6 cxb3 24.Bxb3 Rb4 25.f3 Kf8 1.08/23
[25...Bxb3± 0.64/23 might be stronger. 26.cxb3 h6]
26.Rb6 Nf4 1.79/25
[26...Bxb3± 0.99/24 27.Rxb4 *(27.cxb3 Rb8±)* 27...axb4 28.cxb3 Rc8]
27.Rxb4+- axb4 28.Nc5 0.98/24
[⌓28.Bxe6 1.59/22 Rxa4 29.Bb3]
28...Bxb3± 29.Nxb3 Endgame KRN-KRN
[29.cxb3?! Ra2∓]
29...Rc8

(Diagram)

30.Rb2
[Much weaker is 30.Nd4?! Rc4 31.g3 Rxd4=]
30...h5 31.Nc1 Rd8 Threatens to win with ...Rd8-d1+. **32.Nd3 Nxd3**



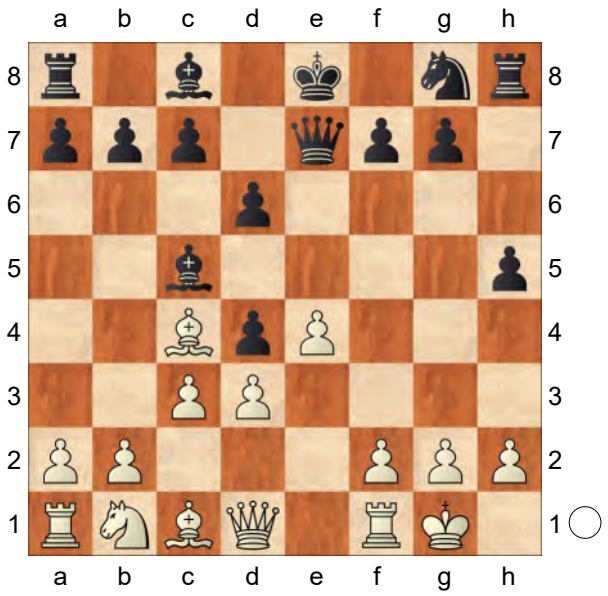
33.cxd3± KR-KR **33...Rb8** 1.61/25
[33...Rxd3± 0.75/26 is a better defense. 34.Rxb4 Rd2]
34.Kf2+- Ke7 35.Ke3 Kd6 36.Kd4 Rc8 2.11/23
[36...g5± 1.32/21 was necessary. 37.h3 *(37.Kc4 Rc8+ 38.Kd4 h4±)* 37...h4]
37.h4 Rc1 38.Rxb4 Rg1 39.Rb5 g6 40.Rg5 Rh1 41.g3 Ke6 42.f4 Rf1 43.f5+ gxf5 44.exf5+
[Don't do 44.Rxh5 fxe4 45.dxe4 Re1 46.Re5+ Kf6 47.Rf5+ Ke6 48.Re5+ Kf6 49.Rf5+ Ke6 50.Re5++-]
44...Rxf5? #19/26
[44...Kf6+- 3.28/24 45.Rxh5 Rg1]
45.Rxf5 White mates. **45...Kxf5** K3P-KPP **46.Kd5 Kg4 47.Ke5 Kxg3** KPP-KPP **48.d4 Kg4 49.d5 f5 50.d6 f4 51.d7 f3 52.d8Q f2 53.Qd3 Kxh4 54.Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

C61

□ **Winawer,Szymon**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
DSB Kongress-03 Meisterturnier (3)
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Nigel Davies: 'Given Morozevich's opening predilections, one can hardly be surprised to see him take a fancy to the Bird. What is more surprising his choice of the highly provocative 5...h5...'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 0.80/20
[5...g6± 0.46/19 deserves consideration.]
6.Bc4
[6.c3 Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8 20.f4 Bg4 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich, A (2716) Moscow 2002 CBM 091 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (47)]
[6.d3 Bc5 7.Bf4 g5 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.Bxg5 Qg6 15.Bxe7+ Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 Bajarani,U (2485)-Javanbakht,N (2461) Konya TUR 2019 [Flear,Glenn] 1-0]
6...Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.c3N 0.60/21
[8.Nd2± 0.97/18]
[8.f4 c6 9.f5 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bb3 f6 12.Qf3 Ne7 13.h3 a5 14.a4 Kf8 15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 Ra6 17.Bf4 g6 18.fxg6 Kg7 19.Nd2 Rh4 20.g5 Rg4+ 21.Kh1 Qh8+ 22.Bh2 Rxg5 Marco,G-Bird,H Hastings_28841 1895 [Teichmann] ½-½ (37)]
8...Qe7 1.69/20

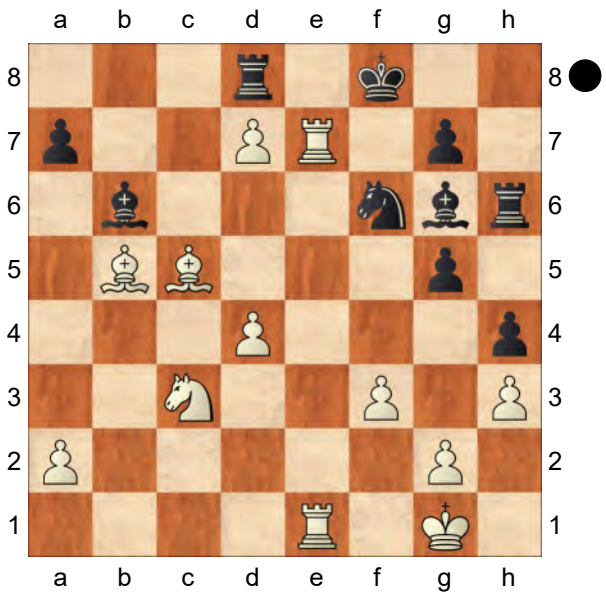
[8...Qf6± 0.60/21]



9.cxd4!→ White is out for blood. **9...Bb6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Be3 Qf6** 2.32/18
[⩲11...Nf6 1.72/19 12.a4 a6]
12.e5 Qg6 13.exd6 d4-d5 is the strong threat. **13...Bh3?** 3.58/20
[13...Nf6 1.81/20 14.a4 Ba5]
14.Qf3 Bg4 15.Qe4+ Kf8 4.64/22
[15...Kd7 3.26/22 might work better. 16.d5 Qxd6]
16.Qxg6 fxg6 17.d5 Nf6 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.b4 Rd8 20.Bc5 h4 21.Rae1 Rh5 6.42/25
[⩲21...h3 4.47/22 22.g3 Rh5]
22.Re7 Rd7 23.h3 Bf5 24.Rfe1 g5 25.f3 Bg6 26.d4 3.83/21
[⩲26.Bxb6 7.69/24 axb6 27.Rxd7 Nxd7 28.Re7]
26...Rh6? 9.51/22
[26...Bd8 3.83/21 27.d5 cxd5]
27.b5 White is clearly winning. **27...cxb5 28.Bxb5 Rd8 29.d7**

(Diagram)

White wants to mate with Re7-e8+.
29...Bxc5 30.dxc5 Strongly threatening



c5-c6. **30...Bf7 31.c6** White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.57
1-0

C61

□ **Winawer,Szymon**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
London IT (26.1) 18.06.1883
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Nigel Davies: 'Given Morozevich's opening predilections, one can hardly be surprised to see him take a fancy to the Bird. What is more surprising his choice of the highly provocative 5...h5...'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 0.80/19
[5...c6± 0.38/18 6.Bc4 Nf6]
6.Bc4
[6.c3 Bc5 7.cxd4 Bxd4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.d4 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Bc2 Ne7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Kb8

20.f4 Bg4 Leko,P (2722)-Morozevich, A (2716) Moscow 2002 CBM 091 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (47)]
[6.d3 Bc5 7.Bf4 g5 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.Bxg5 Qg6 15.Bxe7+ Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 Bajarani,U (2485)-Javanbakht,N (2461) Konya TUR 2019 [Flear,Glenn] 1-0 21.Ne4 Rg7 22.Nf6+ Kh6 23.Qf4+ Qg5 24.Qxg5+ 1-0 (24) Baird,J-Bird,H New York 1889 [ChessCalisthenics]]

6...Bc5 7.Qf3N 0.30/22
[7.d3± 0.83/19 c6 8.Bb3 d5 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 a4 11.Ba2 Ne7 12.Nf3 Be6 13.Re1 Qd6 14.h3 Bb6 15.Ng5 Bc7 16.f4 0-0-0 17.Bd2 Ng6 18.Rf1 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qe7 20.Bxe6+ fxe6 21.Qe1 Rd5 22.Qg3 Lopez Martinez, J (2548)-Sokolov,I (2638) Rijeka CRO 2010 [Van Delft/Ris] ½-½ (47)]

7...Qf6= 8.Qxf6 White is slightly better.

8...Nxf6 9.d3 d6 10.a3 Be6 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nd2 c6 0.57/20
[12...Kd7= 0.23/19]

13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nc4 Bc7 15.Bg5 b5 16.Bxf6 -0.37/21
[16.Nd2= -0.01/21 feels stronger.]

16...gxf6∓ 17.Nd2 Kd7 18.Nb3! Bb6 19.f4 -0.67/22
[Better is 19.a4= 0.14/21]

19...a5 20.f5 e5 21.a4! axb4
[21...bxa4 keeps more tension. 22.Rxa4 axb4 23.Rxb4 Bc7]

22.axb5 cxb5 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 Endgame KRB-KRN **24.Ra1 Ra3 25.Kf2 d5** aiming for ...d5xe4. **26.Kf3 Kc6** -0.37/26
[⌓26...Kd6 -0.69/26]

27.g3 Bc5 -0.17/26
[27...Bd8∓ -0.63/26]

28.h3 -0.66/26
[28.Na5+!= -0.17/26 Kc7 29.Nb3]

28...dxe4+ 0.01/23
[Black should play 28...Bf8∓ -0.66/26]

29.Kxe4= Bf8 30.g4! hxg4 31.hxg4 Rxa1 32.Nxa1 KB-KN **32...Bh6 33.Nb3 Bg5 34.Na5+ Kb6!? 35.Nb3 Kc6= 36.Na5+ Kd6 37.Nb7+ Kc7! 38.Nc5** Nc5-e6+ is the strong threat. **38...Kd6 39.Nb7+ Kc7! 40.Nc5** Strongly threatening Nc5-e6+. **40...Kc6 41.Ne6 Bh6** 0.96/29
[41...Be3= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

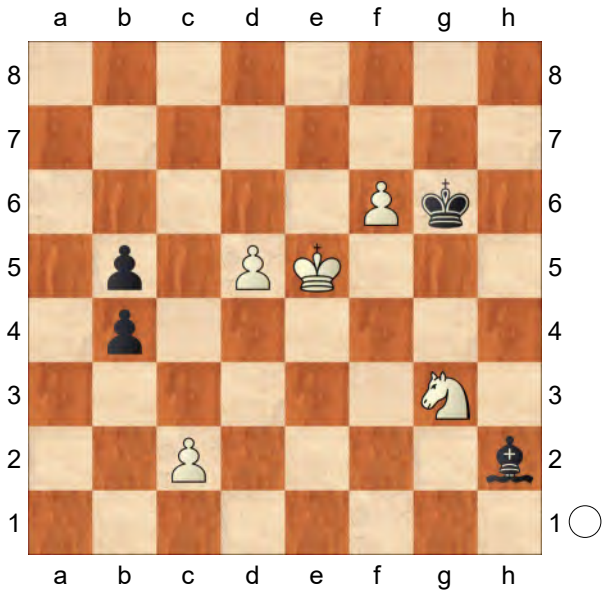
42.g5 0.49/28
[42.Nd8+± 0.96/29 Kd7 43.Nf7]

42...fxg5± 43.Kxe5 g4 44.Nxd4+ Kd7 45.Ne2 Black must now prevent Ke5-f6.
[Of course not 45.Nxb5?! g3 46.Nd4 g2=]

45...Ke7 46.Ng3! Be3? 5.30/31
A mistake that costs the game.
[46...Bg7+!± 0.31/27 47.Kf4 Kd6]

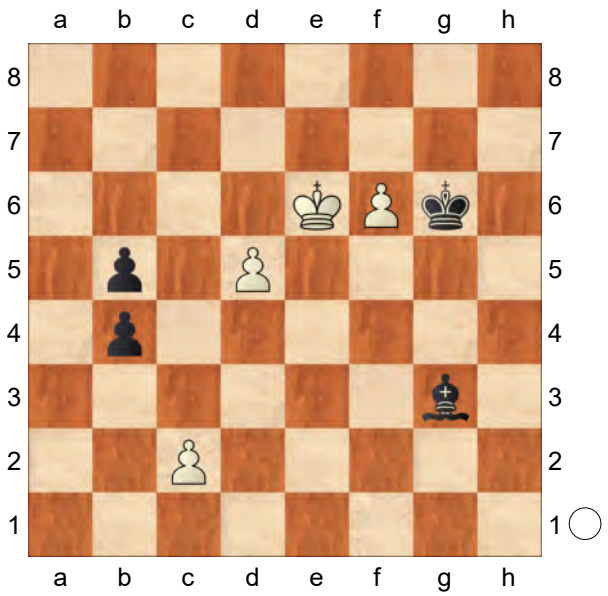
47.Ne4 Kf7 48.f6! Kg6 17.15/23
[⌓48...Ke8 4.75/25 49.Kf5 Kd7]

49.d4 Bg1 50.d5 g3 51.Nxg3 Bh2



52.Ke6! White wants to mate with f6-f7.

52...Bxg3



53.f7!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.47
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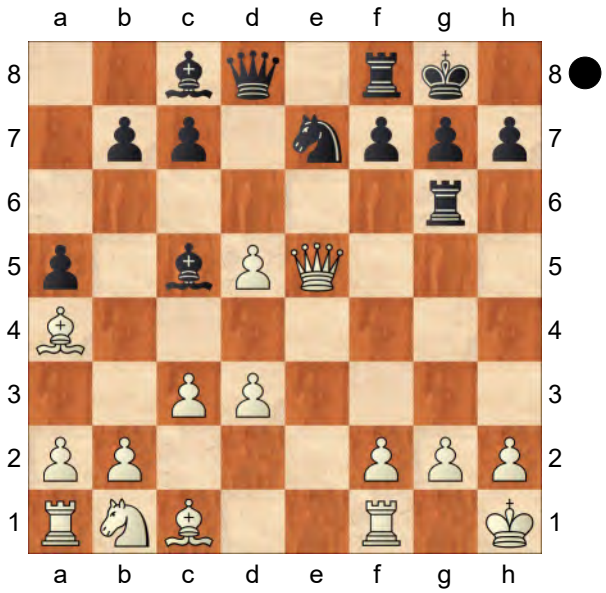
C61

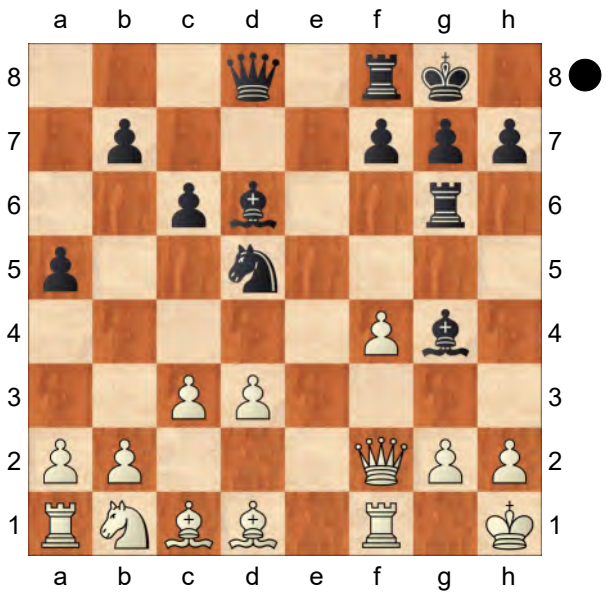
□ **MacKenzie,George Henry**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
London IT (7.1) 07.05.1883
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
RR: 'Inf 43/(400)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3**
[5.b4 Bxb4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bxd4 d5 10.a3 Ba5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.Bb3 Qc6 14.f4 Kosten,A (2440)-Flear,G (2495) Gausdal_223139 1987 Inf 43 [RR]]
[5.d3 Qf6 6.Nbd2 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.c3 Bb6 11.a4 bxa4 12.Bxa4+ Kf8 13.Be3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006]
5...Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Ne7 0.51/22
[6...Qe7= 0.09/19 is superior.]
7.Qg3N
[7.b4 Bb6=]
[7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 d6 10.d4 Bb6 11.g4 exd4 12.cxd4 Kh8 13.Nc3 c6 14.0-0-0 Bc7 15.h4 b5 16.Bc2 b4 17.Ne2 d5 18.h5 dxe4 19.Qxe4 f5 20.Qd3 a5 21.Nf4 h6 Pim,W-Gutt,O Dos Hermanas 1920 Lessons with a GM [FS 106] 1-0 22.Ng6+ Nxg6 23.hxg6 f4 24.Rxh6+ 1-0 (24) Olafsen,T-Reti,R Kristiania 1920 EXT 1999 [ChessBase]]
7...0-0 8.Qxe5 White is slightly better.
8...d5 9.d3 a5 0.55/22
[9...Bd6= 0.23/21 feels stronger. 10.Qh5 dxe4]
10.0-0 Ra6! 11.exd5 -0.37/22
[11.Qh5= 0.04/22]
11...Rg6!∓ 12.Kh1 -1.44/24
[12.d4= -0.28/22 keeps the balance. Bd6 13.Qe2]



12...Bd6 -0.66/23
[12...Qxd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.d4±]
[12...Nxd5?! 13.d4 Bb6 14.Qe2=]
[Better is 12...c6!∓ -1.44/24
Threatens to win with ...Bc5-d6.
13.dxc6 *(13.d4 Bd6∓)* 13...Qxd3]

13.Qe2 -1.59/25
[13.Qd4∓ -0.66/23]
13...Nxd5∓ White must now prevent ... Qd8-h4. **14.f4** -1.87/24
[14.g3∓ -1.26/23]
14...Bg4 Black has strong compensation. **15.Qf2 c6 16.Bd1**



Bf5 0x0.0023519e81e2dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed. **17.Be2** -2.24/25
[17.d4∓ -1.58/21]
17...Re8↑ Keeping White busy. **18.Rd1?** -4.11/27
[18.d4 -1.87/22 keeps fighting.]
18...Rge6 19.Bf3 Nxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.Na3? -4.45/26
[21.Nd2 -2.25/24]
21...Qg5 ...Bf4-e3 is the strong threat. **22.g3 Be3 23.Qg2 Qh6 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nc2 Ba7 26.Qg3** aiming for g4-g5. **26...Bb8 27.g5 Bxg3 28.gxh6 Bh4** Hoping for ...Re6-f6. **29.hxg7?** -4.16/23
[29.Kg2 -2.25/22 was necessary.]
29...Rd8 -1.72/20
[⌓29...Rf6 -4.16/23 30.Bg4 Rf4]
30.Nd4 Rf6 31.Kg2 -2.38/22
[31.Be4∓ -1.30/21 is a better defense.]
31...Kxg7 32.Nb3 -2.74/22
[⌓32.Be4 -1.92/24]
32...Rf5
[Stronger than 32...Bxd3 33.Nc5 Bc4 34.Rxd8∓]
[32...Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Bxd3 34.Nc5∓]
33.d4 Kh6 -1.36/23
[33...Rb5-+ -1.82/23 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. 34.d5 cxd5]
34.Rd2? -6.33/23 This costs White the game.
[34.Rf1∓ -1.36/23]
34...Rg8 35.Be4 Rg5+ 36.Kf3 f5
[Worse is 36...Re8 37.Bxg6 hxg6 38.Nc5∓]
37.Bc2 Re8 (-> ...Bg6-h5+) **38.Nc5 Bh5+ 39.Kf4 Rg4+ 40.Kxf5 Rgg8 41.Ne6** Prevents Rg8-f8+. **41...Bg4+** Deflection. A strong pair of Bishops. **42.Ke4 Rxe6+ 43.Kd3 b5 44.c4 Bg5 45.Rg2 Re3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.37
0-1

C61

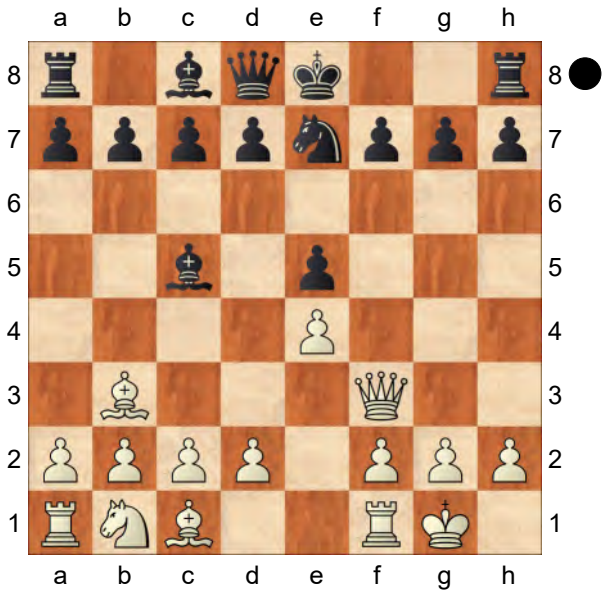
□ **Schallopp,Emil**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
03.DSB-Kongress 1883
[MH]

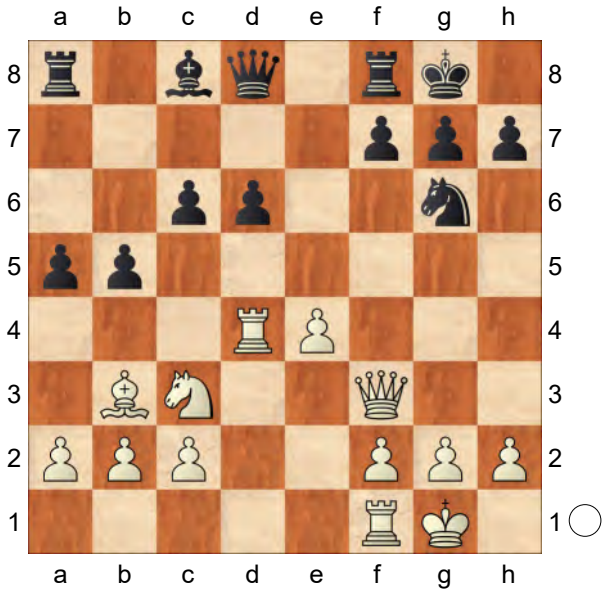
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Ne7 7.Bb3

(Diagram)

0-0 8.d3 The position is equal. **8...a5 9.Be3 d6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Rad1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 b5**

(Diagram)





Threatens to win with ...a5-a4. **15.a4 c5** 0.71/22
[15...Ne5= 0.14/17 16.Qg3 b4]
16.Rd2± &Bianco is more active.
16...bxa4 1.11/21
[16...c4± 0.68/22 might be stronger.]
17.Nxa4 0.54/18
[17.Bxa4± 1.11/21 Rb8 18.b3]
17...c4± 18.Ba2!
[18.Bxc4 Ne5 19.Qc3 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Ba6∓]
18...Be6 19.Qg3 Prevents Qd8-g5.
19...Qb8 0.75/23
[19...Rb8± 0.40/22]
20.Qxd6 0.40/22
[20.Rxd6± 0.75/23 Qb5 21.Nc3]
20...Qb4 1.65/23
[20...c3!± 0.40/22 21.Nxc3 Qxb2 22.Bxe6 Qxc3]
21.b3 0.63/22
[21.Nc5+- 1.65/23]
21...Rfb8 22.Rb1 Qxd6 0.69/22
[22...cxb3= 0.25/22 23.Qxb4 Rxb4 24.Bxb3 Bxb3 25.cxb3 Rxe4]
23.Rxd6 cxb3 24.Bxb3 Rb4 25.f3 Kf8 1.08/23
[25...Bxb3± 0.62/23 26.cxb3 h5]
26.Rb6 Nf4 1.62/26
[26...Bxb3± 0.90/25 27.Rxb4 *(27.cxb3 Rb8±)* 27...axb4 28.cxb3 Nf4]
27.Rxb4+- axb4 28.Nc5 1.00/25
[White should play 28.Bxe6+- 1.67/22 Rxa4 29.Bb3]
28...Bxb3± 29.Nxb3 Endgame KRN-KRN
[29.cxb3 Ra2∓]
29...Rc8 30.Rb2
[30.Nd4?! Rc4 31.g3 Rxd4=]
30...h5 31.Nc1 Rd8 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-d1+. **32.Nd3** 0.67/27
[32.Kf2± 0.98/18]
32...Nxd3± 33.cxd3 KR-KR **33...Rb8** 1.93/27
[33...h4± 0.78/26]
34.Kf2+- Ke7 35.Ke3 Kd6 36.Kd4 Rc8 2.09/22
[36...g5± 1.52/21 is a better defense. 37.h3 *(37.Kc4 Rc8+ 38.Kd4 h4±)* 37...h4]
37.h4 Rc1 2.70/24
[⌓37...Rb8 1.94/24 38.g3 Rb7]
38.Rxb4 Rg1 39.Rb5 g6 40.Rg5 Rh1 41.g3 Ke6 42.f4 Rf1 43.f5+ gxf5 44.exf5+
[Resist 44.Rxh5 fxe4 45.dxe4 Rg1

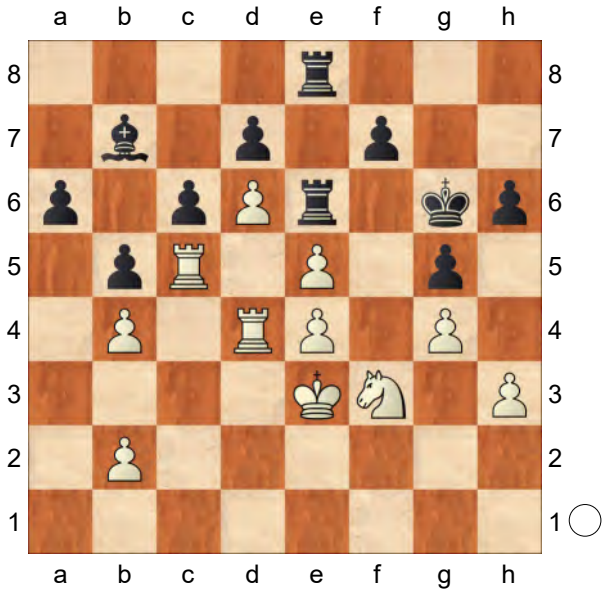
46.Re5+ Kd6+-]
44...Rxf5? 11.69/23
[44...Kf6 3.43/24 45.Rxh5 Rg1]
45.Rxf5 Kxf5 K3P-KPP **46.Kd5** Threatening mate with Kd5-d6. **46...Kg4 47.Ke5** White mates. **47...Kxg3** KPP-KPP **48.d4 Kg4 49.d5 f5 50.d6 f4 51.d7 f3 52.d8Q f2 53.Qd3 Kxh4 54.Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

C61

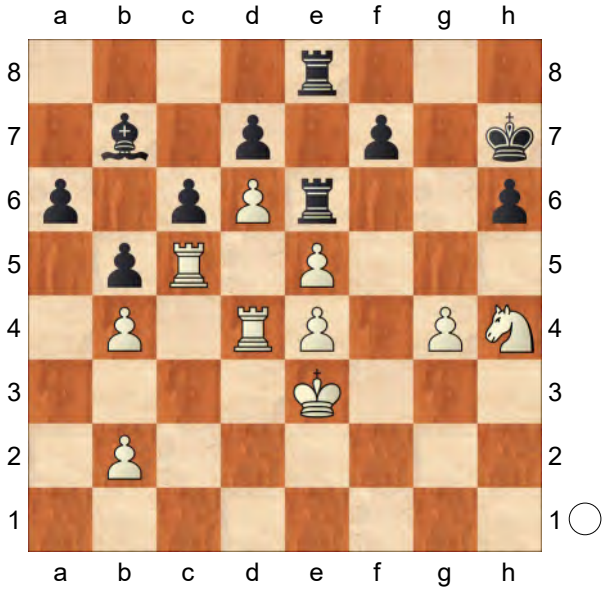
□ **Englisch,Berthold**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Wien International-02 25years WienerSK (3)
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 b5
[4...Bc5 5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 d6 10.a4 a6 11.a5 Ba7 12.h3 h6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nd2 Be6 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Survey 2006]
5.Bb3 Bc5N
[5...Nxb3 6.axb3 Nf6 7.0-0 d6 8.d4 Bb7 9.Re1 a6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.Nxe5 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Rxd5 16.Bf4 g5 17.Bxg5 f6 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.Bxf6 0-0 20.Bxe7 Grant,J (2480)-Holzmann,M (2500) Montreal 1989 Telechess CBM 89 [Collijns Larobok. (Englund!?)] 1-0 (49)]
6.Nxd4
[Reject 6.Nxe5 Qg5 7.Ng4 *(7.Bxf7+ Kf8∓)* 7...d5∓]
6...Bxd4 7.c3 Bb6 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.d4→** Black needs to defend precisely. **9...Qh4** 0.89/20
[9...Ne7⩲ 0.37/19]
10.Nd2!± Threatens to win with Nd2-f3.
10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nf3
[Worse is 12.g3 Qh3 13.d5 0-0∓]
12...Qh5 13.e5 Ng4 1.45/21
[13...Nd5!= 0.27/19 remains equal.]
14.h3 Nh6 15.Ng5 0.87/21
[⌓15.d5 1.18/21]
15...Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Nf5 17.d5 0.31/21
[Much worse is 17.Nxf7 Rf8 18.e6 dxe6∓]
[17.Bxf7+± 1.16/22 Ke7 18.d5]
17...Nd4 0.70/24
[⌓17...a5 0.31/21]
18.Be3⩲ Nxb3 19.axb3 Bxe3 0.89/21
[19...0-0⩲ 0.52/22]
20.fxe3± 0-0 21.Nf3 0.28/21
[21.Rac1± 0.78/25 Rac8 22.Ne4]
21...Rfe8 22.Kf2 0.12/21
[22.Rac1⩲ 0.52/21 c6 23.e6]
22...h6 0.94/24
[22...c6!= 0.12/21]
23.b4 0.59/25
[23.Rac1!± 0.94/24]
23...a6⩲ 24.Rac1! Rac8 25.Rd4 -0.01/22
[White should try 25.g4± 0.77/22]
25...c6 0.77/22
[25...d6= -0.01/22]
26.d6± Re6 1.38/23
[⌓26...Ra8 0.78/21]
27.e4 0.82/23 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[⌓27.Rc5! 1.38/23]
27...Rce8 28.Ke3 0.73/22
[⌓28.Rc5 1.04/23]
28...g5 1.17/21
[Black should play 28...Ra8 0.73/22]
29.Rc5 Kg7 1.59/23
[⌓29...Kh8 1.08/24]
30.g4 1.24/24

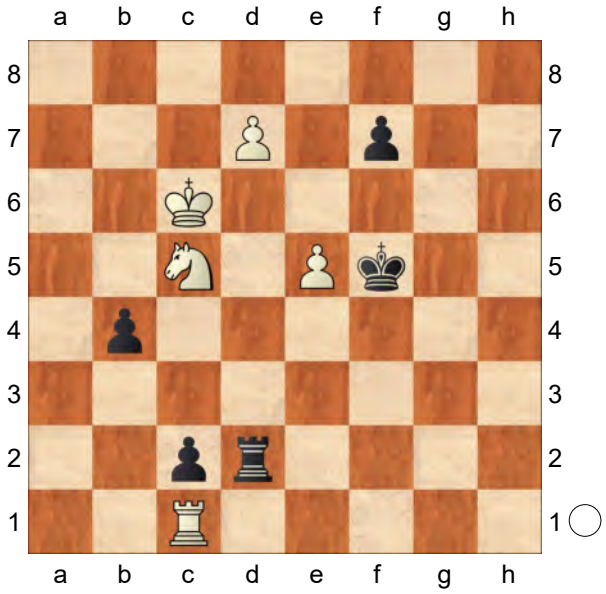
[Better is 30.g3! 1.59/23]
30...Kg6 2.73/25
[30...Kg8± 1.24/24]



31.h4!+- gxh4 32.Nxh4+ Kh7? 2.93/25
[32...Kg5± 1.33/23 was worth a try.]



This move loses the game for Black.
33.Kf4! Hoping for Rd4-d2. **33...Rg8?** 4.29/25
[33...Ra8 2.15/24 was called for.
34.Nf5 a5]
34.Rd2 Rg5
[34...f6? 35.exf6 Rxf6+ 36.Rf5+-]
35.Rh2 White is clearly winning. **35...a5**
[35...f6? 36.exf6 Rxf6+ 37.Nf5+-]
36.Nf5 axb4 37.Rc1 Rgg6 38.Rch1 c5 39.g5 Bxe4 40.Kxe4 Rxg5 41.Rxh6+ Rxh6 42.Nxh6 Endgame KRN-KR **42...Kg6 43.Ng8** Against f7-f6 **43...c4 44.Nf6 c3 45.Nxd7 Rg4+ 46.Kd5** And now Nd7-c5 would win. **46...Rg2 47.bxc3 bxc3 48.Nc5 Rd2+ 49.Kc6 c2 50.Rc1 b4 51.d7 Kf5**
[51...f5 52.Rxc2 Rd1 53.Kc7 1-0 (53) Englisch,B-Bird,H Vienna 1882 [Naruemon]]



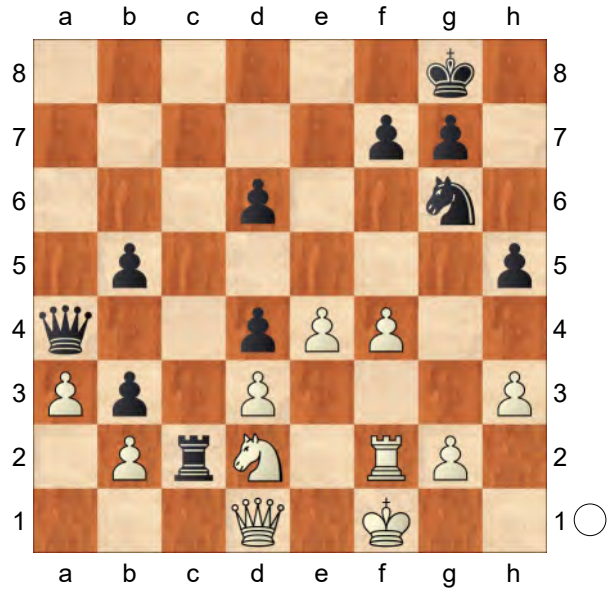
52.Rxc2! Rd1 53.Kc7 Christiaan Bijl: Das II. Internationale Schachmeisterturnier Wien 1882, p. 38. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.51 Christiaan Bijl: Das II. Internationale Schachmeisterturnier Wien 1882, p. 38. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.51 1-0 (53) Englisch, B-Bird,H Vienna 1882 EXT 2002 [Naruemon]
1-0

C61

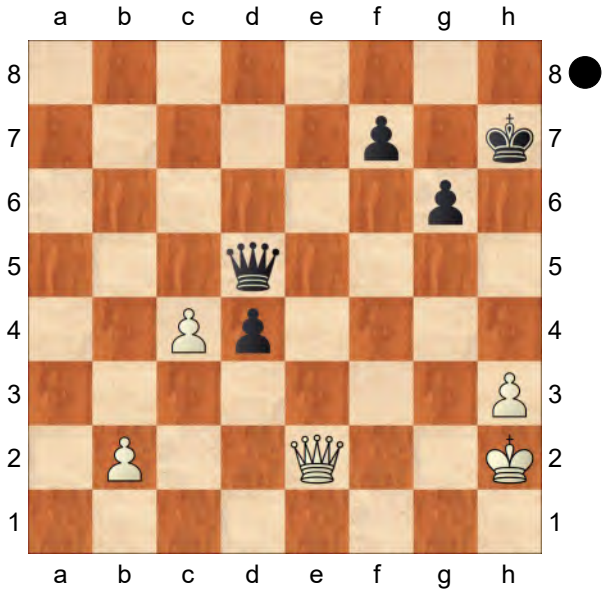
□ **Noa Josef**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
5 Vienna 1882
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.c3 Bc5
[5...c6!? 6.Be2 d5=]
[5...Ne7 6.cxd4 c6 7.Be2 d5 8.d3 Be6 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Be3 Ng6 11.Rc1 Be7 12.0-0 f5 13.e5 0-0 14.f4 Rf7 15.Bh5 Rff8 16.g3 Nh8 17.Rc2 g6 18.Bf3 Rf7 19.Rg2 Rg7 20.Rff2 13.e4 ♗g4 14.h3 ♗h5_19392-Brandics, J (2550) OLHessen 1933 200 Traps In The Opening [Belgisch Schaakboard 76e jaar/année] 0-1 (61)]
[5...dxc3 6.bxc3 Bc5 7.d4 Bb6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bc4 d6 10.Qb3 Qf6 11.Re1 Bd7 12.e5 dxe5 13.Rxe5+ Ne7 14.Bg5 Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Be6 16.Bxe6 0-0 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Bxe8 Rxe8 20.Qf7 Dogan,N (2085)-Vinson,D (1338) Dos Hermanas 2004 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0]
6.Bc4 -0.19/20
[6.0-0 0.19/19 feels stronger.]
6...h5 0.61/20
[6...Nf6= -0.19/20]
7.d3 c6 8.Qc2N -0.05/18
[8.Qf3 d5 *(8...Qe7 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nd2 g5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nb3 g4 14.Qg3 gxh3 15.Qxh3 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bb6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nf6 19.Rf3 Ng4 20.Nd4 0-0-0 21.Raf1 Rh7 22.Ne2 Re8 23.Nf4* Judd,M-Bird,H New York 1889 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] 0-1 (35) *)* 9.Bb3 *(9.exd5 Qe7+ 10.Kf1 Bg4±)* 9...Nf6=]
[8.0-0± 0.68/18]
8...b5 0.64/20
[8...d5= -0.05/18 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8]
9.Bb3± Bb6 1.10/19
[9...Nf6± 0.67/18]
10.Qe2 0.34/18
[10.a4± 1.10/19]
10...d6 11.h3 Qf6 12.Bd2 -0.03/20
[12.cxd4± 0.63/20 Qg6 13.Qf3]
12...Ne7= 13.Na3 -0.43/21
[13.a4= 0.12/18]
13...Ng6 -0.07/20
[13...a5∓ -0.43/21]
14.0-0-0 a5 15.Rhf1 -0.46/21
[15.c4!= -0.11/21 is superior.]
15...a4∓ 16.Bc2 Bc5 0.07/21
[16...dxc3!∓ -0.54/20 17.bxc3 Be6]
17.Nb1 -0.93/21
[17.f4!= 0.07/21]
17...Be6 -0.44/22
[17...a3∓ -0.93/21 18.b3 dxc3 19.Nxc3 Qe5]
18.a3 Bb3
[18...dxc3 is more complex. 19.bxc3 b4 20.cxb4 Bd4]
19.Bxb3 axb3 20.f4 Qe7 -0.12/21
[20...0-0∓ -0.50/20]
21.Rde1= Qa7 22.Qd1 -0.93/22
[22.Rf3∓ -0.32/19]
22...Qa4 0.57/23
[22...dxc3!∓ -0.93/22 23.Bxc3 Be3+ 24.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Qd2 Qg3 26.Bxg7 Rg8]
23.cxd4± Bxd4 24.Bc3 0.01/24
[24.Nc3± 0.56/22 Qa7 25.Qxb3]
24...c5= 25.Kd2 -0.73/23
[25.Bxd4= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. cxd4 26.Nd2]
25...Rc8 -0.35/21
[25...0-0∓ -0.73/23]
26.Ke2∓ Nh4 0.01/22
[26...0-0∓ -0.56/21]

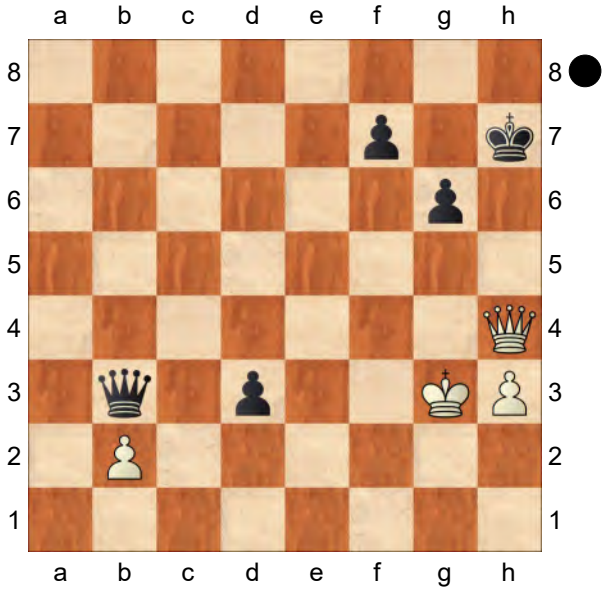
27.Bxd4!= cxd4 28.Rf2 Rc2+
[28...Ng6 keeps more tension. 29.Nd2 Rc2 30.Kf1 Rxb2 31.e5 dxe5 32.f5 Ne7]
29.Kf1 Ng6! 30.Ree2 Rxe2 0.55/24
[30...0-0!= -0.01/23 31.Rxc2 bxc2 32.Qxc2 Qxc2 33.Rxc2 Nxf4]
31.Qxe2
[31.Kxe2!? d5 32.f5± *(32.exd5 0-0±)*]
31...0-0 32.Qd1 Rc8 33.Nd2 Rc2



34.Nxb3! -0.01/25 **Rxf2+**
Remove Defender **35.Kxf2 Nxf4 36.Qc2 Kh7 37.Kf3 Ng6 38.Na1=** -0.01/25 **Qa6 39.Nb3 Qa4 40.g3** -0.40/24 **h4 41.Kg2 hxg3 42.Kxg3 Ne5**
[42...Kg8 looks sharper. 43.Kf2 Ne5 44.Qc8+ Kh7]
43.Kh2 -0.75/24
[43.Kf2= -0.25/24]
43...g6 44.Na1 -0.98/25
[44.Kg2∓ -0.65/23 should be considered.]
44...Qa5∓ Strongly threatening ...Qa5-e1. **45.Qe2** Prevents Qa5-e1. **45...b4! 46.Nc2 bxa3 47.Nxa3 d5** -0.86/22
[⌓47...Qb4 -1.17/23 48.Kg2 Qb3]
48.exd5 Qxd5 49.Nc4? -3.03/23
[49.Kg3∓ -0.79/20]
49...Nxc4-+ 50.dxc4 Endgame



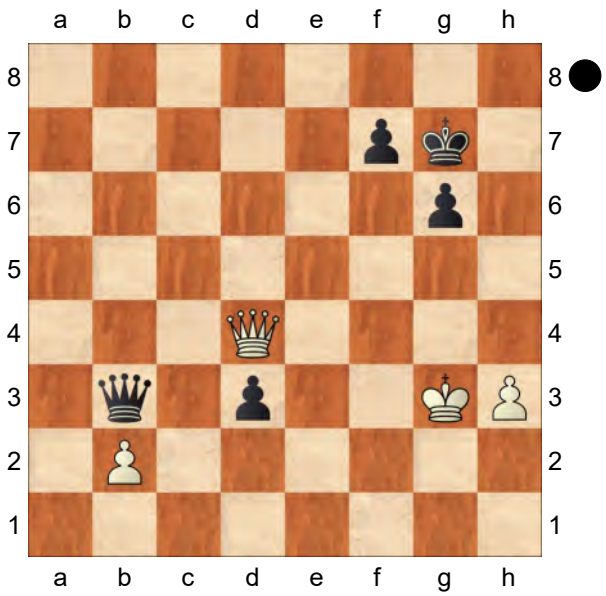
KQ-KQ **50...d3! 51.Qd2 Qxc4 52.Kg3 Qc2 53.Qf4 Qb3**
[53...Qxb2 54.Qxf7+ Qg7 55.Qd5=]
54.Qh4+



Kg7! 55.Qd4+

(Diagram)

f6! 56.Qa7+ Kh6 57.Qe3+ g5 58.Qd2? -10.32/28



[58.h4 -3.89/24]

58...Qc2 59.Qb4 Qc7+

[59...d2 60.Qf8+ Kh7 61.Qf7+ Kh6 62.Qf8+ Kh7 63.Qf7+ Kh6 64.Qf8+=]

60.Kf3 Qd7 61.Ke3 Qxh3+ 62.Kd2 Qf3 63.Qf8+ Kh5 64.Qe8+ Kh4 65.b4 g4 Threatens to win with ...g4-g3. **66.b5 g3 67.Qh8+ Kg4** And now ...Qf3-f2+ would win. **68.Qg7+=** -0.01/21 **Kh3 69.Qh7+**

[69.Qh8+ Kg2 70.Qe8]

69...Kg4? -0.01/21

[Black should try 69...Kg2-+ -4.27/27 70.Qe7 f5]

70.Qxd3? -#13/21 **Qf2+** -12.86/24

[⌓70...Qxd3+ -#13/21 71.Kxd3 g2 72.b6 g1Q 73.b7 Qb1+ 74.Kd4 Qxb7 75.Kc5 f5 76.Kd6 f4 77.Ke5 f3 78.Ke6 f2 79.Kd6 f1Q]

71.Kc3 f5? -2.94/20

[71...g2 -17.01/23 (-> ...Qf2-g3) 72.Qg6+ Kh3 73.Qh7+ Qh4 74.Qd7+ Kh2 75.Qe6 g1Q 76.Qd6+ Qhg3+ 77.Qxg3+ Kxg3 78.Kb4 Qb6 79.Ka4 Kf3 80.Kb3 Qxb5+ 81.Kc2 Ke3 82.Kc3 f5 83.Kc2 Qb4 84.Kc1 Kd3 85.Kd1 Qd2#]

72.Qd2? -#12/19 **Kf3?** -2.33/22

[72...Qxd2+ -#12/19 73.Kxd2 g2 74.b6 g1Q 75.b7 Qg2+ 76.Kd3 Qxb7 77.Kc4 f4 78.Kc5 f3 79.Kc4 f2 80.Kd4 f1Q 81.Kc5 Qbb5+ 82.Kd6 Qf8+ 83.Ke6 Qbf5#]

73.Qd1+? -5.14/26

[73.Qd5+ -2.33/22 Kg4 74.Qd1+-+ -2.94/20 Kh4 75.Qd8+ Kh3 76.Qh8+ Kg2 77.Qe5]

73...Kf4 74.Qd6+ Kf3? 0.01/24

[74...Kg5-+ -2.16/24 75.b6 Qe3+ 76.Qd3 Qe5+ 77.Kb3 Qe6+ 78.Kc3 Qc6+ 79.Kd2 g2 80.Qd8+ Kg4 81.Qd4+ f4 82.Qg7+ Kf3]

75.Qd1+= Kg2 76.Qd2 -#21/25

[76.Qd5+-+ -4.71/22 Kg1 77.Qe5]

76...f4? -3.98/22

[76...Qxd2+ -#21/25 mates 77.Kxd2 Kh3 78.b6 g2 79.b7 g1Q 80.b8Q Qh2+ 81.Qxh2+ Kxh2 82.Ke3 Kg3 83.Ke2 f4 84.Kf1 Kf3 85.Ke1 Kg2 86.Kd1 f3 87.Kc2 f2 88.Kc3 f1Q 89.Kb4 Kf3 90.Kc5 Ke4 91.Kd6 Qc4 92.Ke7 Ke5 93.Kd7 Qb5+ 94.Kc7 Ke6 95.Kc8 Kd6 96.Kd8 Qd7#]

77.b6-+ Qxd2+ 78.Kxd2 KPP-KP

78...f3 79.b7 f2 80.b8Q f1Q KQ-KQ

81.Qa8+ Qf3 82.Qh8 Qf2+ 83.Kd3 Kg1 84.Qe5 -3.51/33

[⌓84.Ke4 -2.37/28]

84...Qf3+ 85.Kd2 g2 -3.59/35

[⌓85...Qg2+ -2.25/24 86.Kc3 *(86.Kd3 Qf1+ 87.Kc2 Qg2+)* 86...Qf3+]

86.Qe1+ Qf1 87.Qe5 Qf2+ 88.Kd1 Qh4 89.Qc5+ Kh2 90.Qe5+ Kh1 91.Qd5 Qg4+? -2.58/27

[91...Qh6 -9.82/30 aiming for ... Kh1-h2. 92.Ke2 Qg6]

92.Kd2 Qf4+ 93.Ke2!= -0.01/30 and White has nothing to worry.

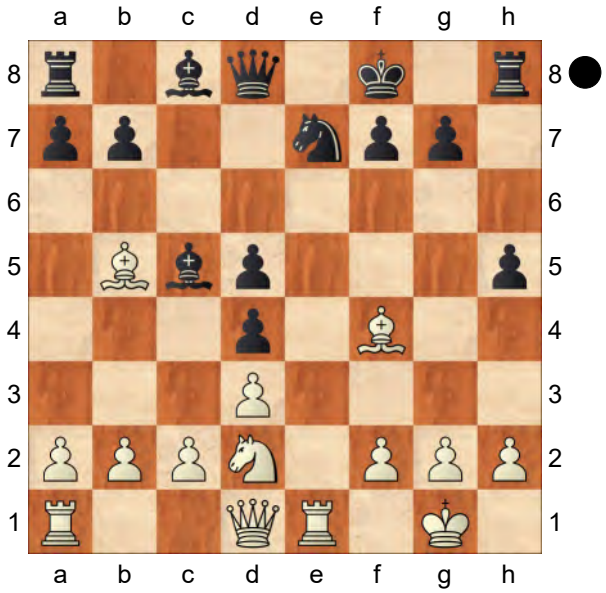
93...Kh2? 0.00/28
[93...Qh4]
[Better is 93...Qf1+-+ -4.50/32 94.Kd2 Qf2+ 95.Kd1 Qf1+ 96.Kd2 Qf2+ 97.Kd1 Qf4 98.Qh5+ Kg1]
94.Qh5+= Kg3 95.Qg6+ Kh2 96.Qh5+ Kg1 Hoping for ...Qf4-f2+. **97.Qc5+! Kh1 98.Qh5+?** -3.25/38 **Qh2-+ 99.Qf3 Qe5+?** -0.01/26
[Black should play 99...Qh7-+ -2.60/29 ...Qh7-e7+ is the strong threat. 100.Qd5 Qh8]
100.Kf2!= The position is equal. Don't go for **100...Qb2+? 101.Kg3 Qe5+**
[101...Qg7+ 102.Kf2]
102.Kf2 Qh2 103.Qe4 Prevents Qh2-h4+. **103...Qg1+ 104.Kg3** Intending Qe4-h7+ and mate. **104...Qh2+ 105.Kf2 Qg1+ 106.Kg3** White threatens Qe4-h7+ and mate. **106...Qh2+**
[106...Qf1? leads to mate. gets mated. 107.Qh4+ Kg1 108.Qh2#]
107.Kf2 Christiaan Bijl: Das II. Internationale Schachmeisterturnier Wien 1882, p. 69.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

C61

□ **Davidson,Harold Francis**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
USA-04 Congress Grand Tournament *[MH]*

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Kupreichik,V: 'Inf 42/396' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 Bc5 6.0-0 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb5+ Kf8** 0.47/20
[9...Bd7!= 0.09/22 should be considered. 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 0-0 *(13...f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Re1 0-0 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.Qe6+ Qxe6 18.Rxe6 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.a4 Kf7 21.Kf1 Bc7 22.Rc1 b6 23.c3 dxc3 24.Rxc3 Re6 25.Nd4 Nxd4 26.Rxc7+ Re7 27.Rxe7+ Kxe7 28.Be3* Das,A (2344)-Nair,U (2057) AICCF 2017 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Das, Arghyadip] 1-0 (32) *)* 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Qh5 Rac8 17.Re2 Rfd8 18.Rae1 h6 19.g3 Rc6 20.a4 a5 21.Re8+ Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Kh7 23.Re2 Re6 24.Kf1 Rxe2 25.Kxe2 Qe6+ Chandler,M (2605)-Bareev,E (2680) Hastings 1991 CI1-130 [Chandler, Murray G] ½-½ (51)]
10.Bf4N -0.01/21
[10.Ba4!⩲ 0.47/20]
[10.c3 Qf6 *(10...Ne7 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 g6 13.Bh6+ Kg8 14.Re1 Be6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Be3 Nf5 17.Bxd4 Nxd4 18.Ba4 Qg5 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.Bb3 Kg7 21.Qc1 a6 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Bd1 Nc2 24.Bxc2 d4 25.Qe2* Sigurjonsson,G (2490)-Kupreichik,V (2490) Winnipeg 1986 CI1-130 [Kupreichik,Viktor D] 0-1 (31) *)* 11.Nd2 a6 12.Ba4 b5 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Bb3 Ne7 15.Qf3 Be6 16.a4 b4 17.a5 g6 18.Re1 Kg7 19.Qxf6+ Bxf6 20.Nf3 Rhc8 21.Bg5 Nc6 22.Bxf6+ Kxf6 23.h3 Rab8 24.Ra4 Rb5 Ballester Cladera,A-Miranda Mesa,E Arad 1989 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 25.Rc1 Nd4 26.Rxc8 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Bxc8 28.d4 Bxh3 29.Bd1 Bd7 0-1 (29) Thomas,M-Martin,B corr 1989 OM Corr 202003 [BCM March 1989]]
10...h5
[10...g5!? 11.Bd2 Kg7=]

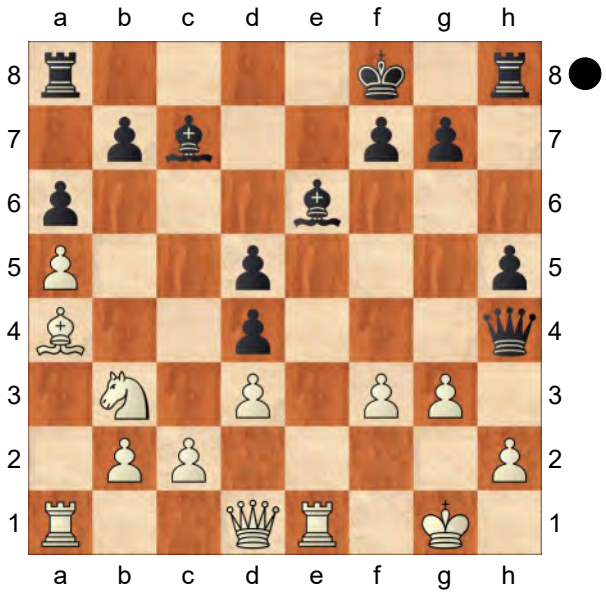
11.Re1 Hoping for Bf4-c7! **11...Ne7**
12.Nd2 -0.98/23
[12.Ba4= 0.11/22]



12...Bg4 0.07/23
[12...Qa5!∓ -0.98/23 13.a4 a6]
13.f3= Be6 Strongly threatening ...Ne7-g6. **14.Nb3! Bb6 15.Bg5** -0.28/24
[⩲15.a4 0.21/23]
15...Qd6 And now ...Bb6-c7 would win.
16.Bxe7+ Qxe7 17.a4 -1.56/23
[17.f4∓ -0.40/22 g6 18.Qd2]
17...a6∓ 18.a5 -1.74/24
[18.f4∓ -1.42/25]
18...Bc7-+ 19.Ba4 Qd6 -1.13/25
[19...Qh4-+ -1.72/26 20.g3

(Diagram)

Bxg3!]
20.g3 h4 21.f4 hxg3 22.hxg3 g5↑ White is under strong pressure. **23.Nxd4 gxf4 24.Nxe6+ fxe6 25.Re2?** -12.04/21
[25.Qg4∓ -1.41/22 Kf7 26.Qxf4+ Qxf4 27.gxf4]
25...f3 Sayen: The Grand International Centennial Chess Congress Held In Philadelphia In August 1876, p. 168.



Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

C61

□ **Neill,Benjamin Milnes**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Philadelphia casual 1876
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 0.93/20
[5...Bc5= 0.28/20]
6.d3± Bc5 7.f4 0.20/21
[7.Nd2± 0.90/19]
7...c6 8.Bc4 The position is equal.
8...d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb3N
[10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Nd2 h4 13.Nf3 h3 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Bd2 Qa6 17.Qe1 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qc6 19.g4 a5 20.a4 Ng6 21.Qf1 Rh4 22.Rg3 Re8 23.Re1 Re3 24.Bxe3 dxe3 Mortimer,J-Bird,H London 1886 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (43) 25.Qf3 d4 26.Bd5 Qxa4 27.Be4 Qxc2 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qe2

Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bd6 31.Rf3 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf4 33.Rxf4+ Bxf4 34.Kg1 Ke7 35.Rc2 Kd6 36.Rc8 Ke6 37.Re8+ Kf5 38.Re4 Kg4 39.Rxd4 Kf3 Taowal,P-Qxd4 Side Lines 6.♗c4 ♕e7 1886 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (43)]

10...a5 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4.

11.a3 -0.23/21

[Don't blunder 11.f5? a4 12.Nd2 Be7-+]

[11.a4 0.19/21 deserves consideration.]

11...a4= 12.Ba2 Ne7 13.Nd2 Bg4 0.20/22

[13...g6 -0.18/21 is superior.]

14.Nf3 Ra6 0.56/19

[14...h4= 0.05/19]

15.Qe1 -0.02/19

[15.h3!± 0.56/19]

15...Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Re6 17.Qf2 -0.41/22

[17.Qh4= -0.01/22]

17...Nf5∓ 18.Bd2 0-0 19.Re1 Rfe8 0.01/22

[Better is 19...Rxe1+∓ -0.80/19 20.Qxe1 Re8]

20.Re5!= Ne3 0.85/22

[20...Rxe5= 0.01/22 remains equal. 21.fxe5 Ne3]

21.Rxh5± Black must now prevent Rf3-h3. **21...g6** 1.75/19

[21...Qb6± 0.75/20 keeps fighting. 22.f5 *(22.Bxd5 Rh6+-)* 22...Rh6 23.Rxh6 Qxh6]

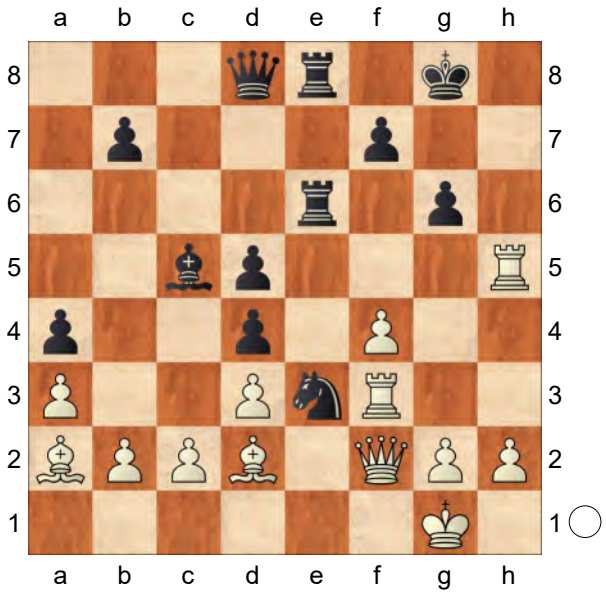
(Diagram)

22.Re5? -0.24/21

[22.f5!+- 1.75/19 gxh5 23.fxe6 Rxe6 24.Rxf7]

22...Ng4 0.14/25

[⌓22...Rxe5 -0.24/21 23.fxe5 Qc7]



23.Rxd5= Qe7? 3.98/23 This costs Black the game.

[23...Qxd5± 0.54/24 24.Bxd5 Nxf2 25.Bxe6 *(25.Rxf2 Rb6=)* 25...Nd1]

24.Qg3+- Ne3 7.12/22

[⌓24...Re1+ 4.49/22 25.Bxe1 Qxe1+ 26.Rf1 Qxg3 27.hxg3 b6]

25.Re5 Kg7 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.f5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.69 Dubuque Chess Journal 1876, p.139-140

1-0

C61

□ **Mason,James**

■ **Bird,Henry Edward**

Match Mason-Bird +11-4=4 (4) 29.12.75 *[MH]*

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence

Inf 45/(370) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 Qf6N**

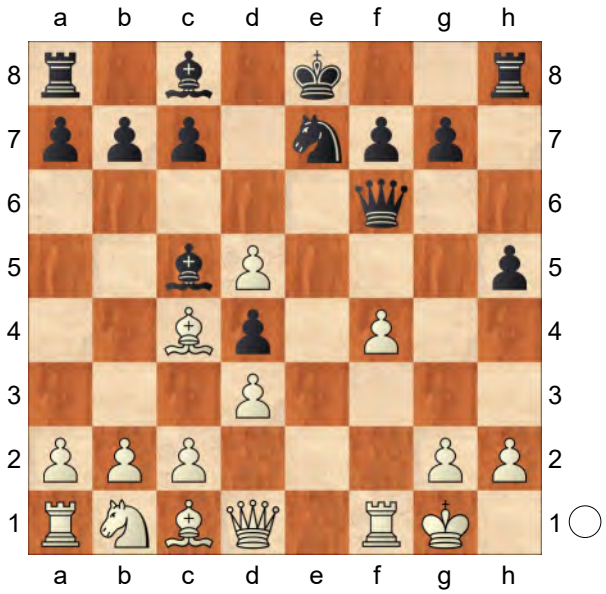
[4...d6 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.Qxf6 Nxf6 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f3 c6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nd2 Ng6 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.g3 Rad8

½-½ (17) Breitman,V-Bromberger,S Barcelona 1985 Schiller's List 1.d4 [Venkatesh,M]]
[4...Nf6 5.c3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 c6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.d4 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxe5 dxe5 Godes,D (2385)-Tseitlin,M (2445) corr 45/(370) 1988 Inf 45 [Tseitlin,Mi]]
[4...Bc5 5.Nxd4 *(5.b4 Bb6 6.Bb2 Nxf3+ 7.Qxf3 Qf6 8.Qe2 d6 9.f4 Qxf4 10.Rf1 Qxh2 11.Bxf7+ Kd8 12.Bxg8 Qg3+ 13.Kd1 Bg4 14.Rf8+ Ke7 15.Rxa8 Qxg2* 0-1 (15) Taskinen-Werle Sweden 1972 *)* 5...Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 d6 10.a4 a6 11.a5 Ba7 12.h3 h6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nd2 Be6 Chess Informant Eco Survey 2006]
[4...Nxf3+ 5.Qxf3 Nf6 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 c6 10.Qf3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.a4 Be6 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.Rd1 Qf6 15.Be3 Bb4 16.Na2 Be7 17.b4 Nb6 18.Bb3 0-0 19.a5 Lasker,E-Bird,H Newcastle 1892 Lasker-Bird [Fritz 5.00 (5s)] 1-0 (65)]

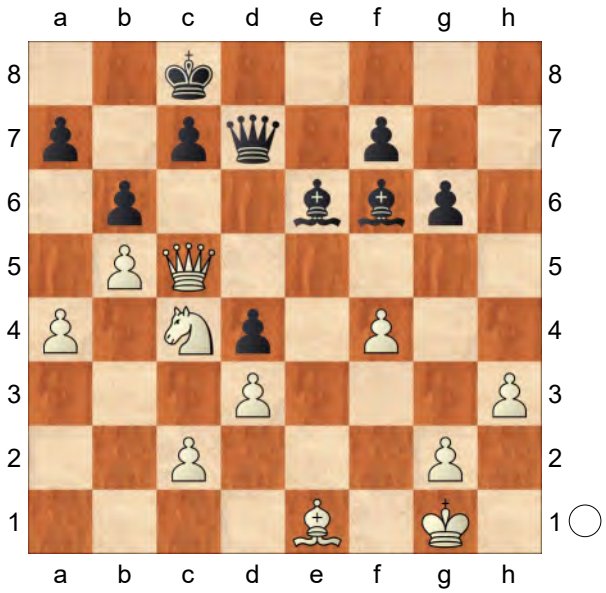
5.Nxd4 exd4 6.d3 Bc5 7.0-0 Ne7 8.f4 White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5 h5** 0.99/21
[Black should try 9...0-0± 0.46/22]

(Diagram)

10.Nd2!± Bg4 11.Qe1 aiming for Nd2-e4. **11...0-0-0 12.Ne4 Qb6 13.a3** 0.51/21
[13.h3± 1.19/21 Bf5 14.Ng5]
13...Nxd5± 14.Bxd5 -0.01/23
[14.h3± 0.45/22 Bf5 15.Rf2]
14...Rxd5= 15.b4 Be7 16.Nd2 Bf6 17.h3 Bf5 18.Nc4 Qc6 19.a4 Rdd8 20.b5 Qd7 21.Qg3 Rhe8 22.Bd2 Re6



-0.01/19
[22...Qd5∓ -0.39/21]
23.Rae1 -0.42/16
[23.Qf3= -0.01/19]
23...Rde8 0.30/24
[23...Rxe1∓ -0.42/16 24.Qxe1 Be6]
24.Qf3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Be6 27.Qxh5 g6 28.Qc5 b6



29.Qb4 0.22/19 &Bianco is more active.
[Better is 29.Qf8+!± 0.71/25 Qd8 30.Bb4]
29...Be7 30.Qd2 Bxc4 31.dxc4 Qe6 The position is equal. **32.Bf2 Qxc4**

33.Qxd4 Qxc2 34.Kh2
[34.Qe5 is interesting. Kd7 35.Qd5+ Ke8 36.Qe5]
34...Bd6
[34...Bc5!? 35.Qh8+ Kb7 36.Bxc5 Qxc5=]
35.Bg3 Qf5 36.h4 f6 37.Qc4 Bc5 38.Qg8+ Kb7 39.Qe8 Bd6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
Dubuque Chess Journal 1876, p. 150-151
½-½

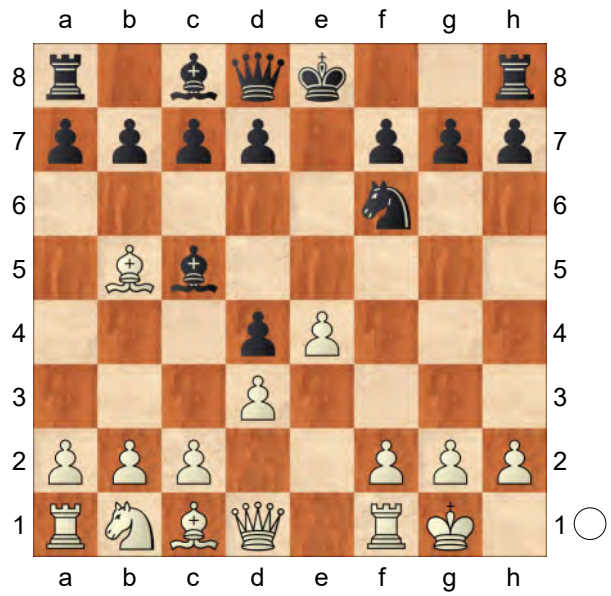
C61

□ **Wisker,John**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Match Bird-Wisker (4) +5-3=1 18.12.1873 *[MH]*

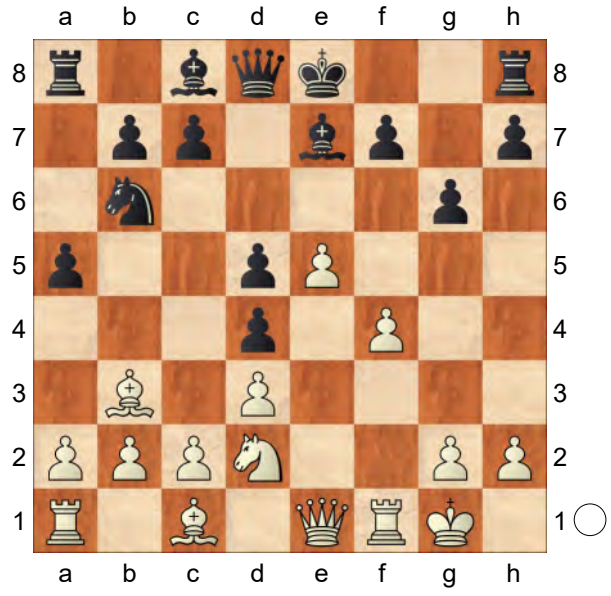
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 Nf6N 0.97/22
[6...c6± 0.33/19
A) 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 *(8.Qh5 d5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bb3 a5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.a4 Ra6 13.Nf3 Rg6 14.h3 h6 15.Bd2 Rf6 16.Nh2 Rf5 17.Qh4 Qc7 18.f4 Ng6 19.Qf2 Bd6 20.g3 h5 21.h4 Ne7 22.Nf3 Nc6* Campora,D (2550)-Hodgson,J (2545) Dos Hermanas 1992 CBM 031 [Knaak,Rainer] 0-1 (61) *)* 8...f5 9.Bb3 *(9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qh6 Ng8 11.Qg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bb3 d6 15.exd6 Kd7 16.Nd2 Re8 17.Nf3 Kxd6 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Kf1 Kd5 22.Rxe6 Rxe6 23.Re1 Rxe1+* Blatny,P (2515)-Stohl,I (2515) Prague 1996 CBM 54 [Ribli] 0-1 (58) *)* 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Kf7 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Bxd5+ cxd5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Qf3 a5 16.Qf2 Qf6 17.Nd2 a4 18.Nf3 Kg8 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.Bb4 Rae8 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 Dorn,M (2159)-Staak,E (2055) ICCF email 2015 CBM 197 [Szabo, Krisztian] 1-0 (37);
B) 7.Bc4
B1) 7...d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 *(9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Qh5 Rac8 17.Re2 Rfd8 18.Rae1 h6 19.g3 Rc6 20.a4 a5 21.Re8+ Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Kh7 23.Re2 Re6* Chandler,M (2605)-Bareev,E (2680) Hastings 1991 CI1-130 [Chandler,Murray G] ½-½ (51) *)* 9...Ne7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nd2 Be6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qh5 a5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd7 17.Qh4 a4 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.a3 f6 20.Bd2 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Bf5 22.Bb4 Filipenko,A (2430)-Najer,E (2480) Pardubice 1996 CBM 146 [Marin,Mihail] 0-1 (42);
B2) 7...d6]

(Diagram)

Prevents Qd1-h5. **7.e5!± Nd5 8.Bc4** 0.43/23
[8.Qg4± 0.95/23 Kf8 9.Qf3]
8...Nb6± White is slightly better. **9.Bb3**
And now Qd1-g4 would win.
[9.Qg4 is interesting. g6 10.Qf3 d5 11.exd6 Nxc4 12.dxc4 Bxd6 13.Re1+]



9...d5 0.99/22
[Better is 9...0-0!± 0.48/22]
10.f4 0.10/20
[10.exd6!± 0.99/22 0-0 11.dxc7 Qxc7 12.Nd2]
10...g6 0.46/20 Against Qd1-h5
[10...a5= 0.10/20 is more appropriate. 11.a3 0-0]
11.Qe1 Be7 12.Nd2 a5



Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. **13.a3** 0.17/21
[13.c3!± 0.49/23]
13...c5 14.Nf3 c4 1.23/22
[14...0-0= 0.17/18]
15.Ba2± Bc5 16.h3 0-0 17.Kh1 f6 1.44/20
[Black should try 17...Qe7 0.99/18]
18.Bd2 Na4 2.44/19
[18...fxe5± 1.42/20 19.fxe5 *(19.Nxe5 Re8±)* 19...Be6]
19.dxc4+- fxe5? 5.63/22
[19...dxc4 2.50/19 20.Bxc4+ Kh8]
20.fxe5 Bf5 21.cxd5 Bxc2 22.d6+ Kg7 23.Bg5 Qe8 24.Qh4
Bg5-f6+ would kill now. **24...h5 25.Bf6+ Kh7 26.Ng5+ Kh6 27.Qf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=1.01
1-0

C61

□ **Gelbfuhs,Oscar**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Wien International-01 (1) 21.07.1873
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s)]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Paul Motwani: 'G13.46: "The Bird falls flat!" L.McShane-M.Costagliola, London 1997. Ruy Lopez, Bird Defence, Code C61.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 Bc5 6.0-0**
[6.Qh5!? Bb6 7.Bc4±]
6...Qh4 0.93/20 Inhibits Qd1-h5.
[6...c6± 0.34/19 7.Bc4 *(7.Ba4 a5 8.c3 b5 9.Bc2 d6 10.Nd2 a4 11.h3 Ne7 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.d4 Bb6 15.Re1 f5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.exf5 Qf6 19.d5 Ba5 20.Re3 Bxc3 21.Rb1 b4* Rente,H (2507)-Jirk,A (2372) Pardubice 2006 [Olivier Renet] ½-½ (34) *)* 7...d6]
7.f4N 0.13/20
[7.Nd2!± 0.93/20 Ne7 8.e5 Ng6

9.Ne4 Be7 10.Ng3 Nxe5 11.Nf5 Qf6 12.Nxe7 Kxe7 13.Re1 Kd8 14.Qh5 h6 15.Qxe5 1-0 (15) Morozov,Y-Van Oosterwijk 65. Candidates Match, Leningrad 1997 200 Traps In The Opening [FS 10_11\78]]
[7.c3 Nf6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.Nf3 Qh5 10.cxd4 Bb6 11.e5 d6 12.Ba4 Nd5 13.Bb3 Nb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.exd6 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Nxd4 19.Bd1 cxd6 20.Be3 Rac8 21.f4 d5 Schmaus,A-Gruettner, R Novi Sad 1877 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu,Chen] 0-1 (60)]

7...Nf6 8.h3 0.02/20
[8.Nd2± 0.43/20 should be considered.]

8...c6!= The position is equal. **9.Bc4 d6 10.Qe1 Qxe1 11.Rxe1 0-0 12.Bb3 b5** 0.42/21
[12...a5= 0.00/19]

13.a4 b4 1.13/21
[13...a5= 0.29/20 keeps the balance.]

14.Nd2 0.60/19
[14.a5± 1.13/21]

14...a5 15.Nf3 Nd7 0.96/21
[15...d5± 0.53/20]

16.g4± Ba6 1.33/20
[⌓16...g6 0.80/18]

17.Bd2 0.06/20
[17.f5!± 1.33/20]

17...Bb6= 18.Kg2 -0.56/22
[18.Ba2± 0.32/20]

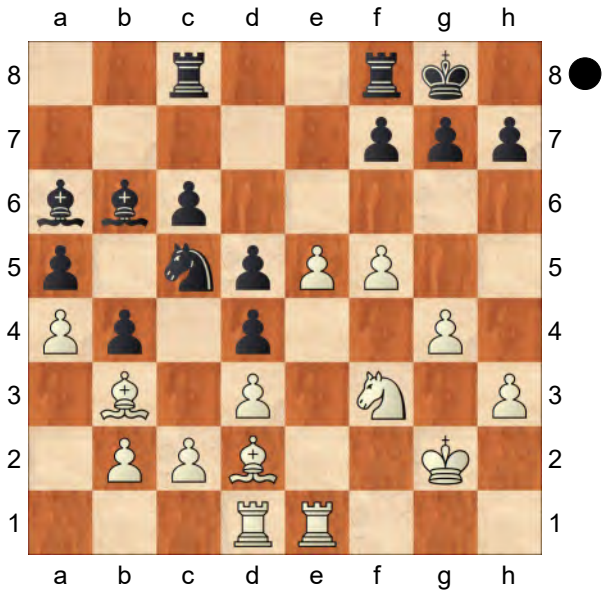
18...Rac8 0.55/20
[18...Nc5∓ -0.56/22 19.Bc4 Bxc4 20.dxc4 Rae8]

19.e5± d5 20.f5 -0.81/21
[20.Ba2± 0.51/19]

20...Nc5!∓ 21.Rad1

(Diagram)

Nxb3 -0.01/17



[Better is 21...Bxd3!∓ -0.83/24 Threatens to win with ...Bd3-e4. 22.cxd3 *(22.Bxb4 axb4)* 22...Nxb3]

22.cxb3= c5 23.Bf4 Rfe8 24.Kg3 Bc7 0.69/21
[24...c4= 0.01/21]

25.h4 0.38/21
[But not 25.e6 Bxf4+ 26.Kxf4 fxe6=]
[25.g5 0.69/21 feels stronger.]

25...Bb8 0.97/20
[25...h6± 0.38/21]

26.g5 Rc6 27.h5 Bc8? 2.80/23
[27...Rf8± 1.09/21]

28.f6? 0.22/19
[28.Rc1+- 2.80/23]

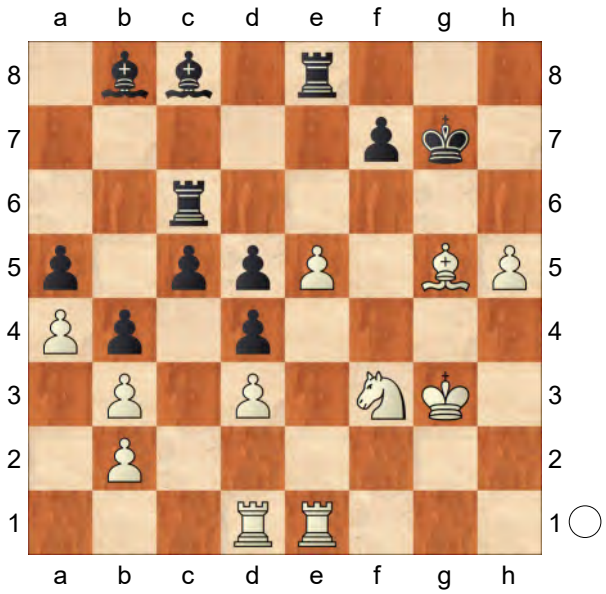
28...h6 1.05/21
[28...Bf5= 0.22/19]

29.fxg7 0.22/21
[29.Kh4± 1.05/21]

29...hxg5 30.Bxg5 Kxg7 1.16/23
[30...f6= 0.09/22 31.Bf4 fxe5 32.Nxe5 *(32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Nxe5 Re6=)* 32...Rce6]

(Diagram)

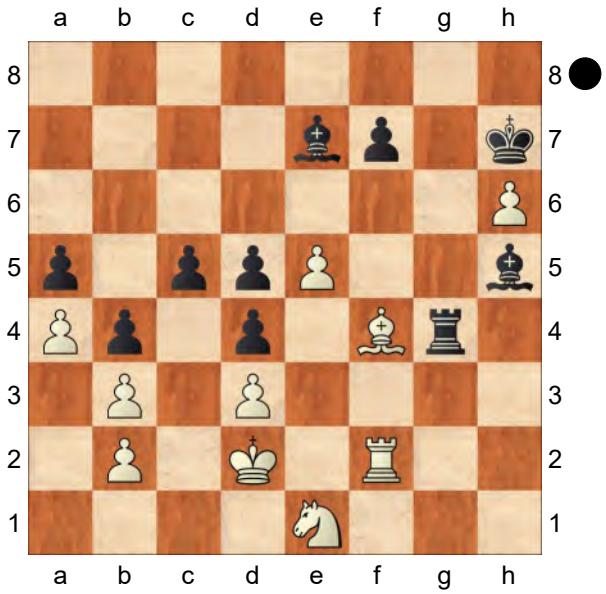
31.Kh4!± Bc7 1.85/22



[31...Ree6± 0.77/22]
32.Rg1 0.97/23
[White should try 32.Bf6++- 1.85/22 Kf8 33.Rf1]
32...Kf8 33.h6 -0.01/22
[Only move: 33.Bf6± 1.27/22]
33...Rg6 1.95/23 Against Rg1-g7
[33...Bf5= -0.01/22]
34.Bf4? -0.01/23
[34.Rc1+- 1.95/23]
34...Bf5= 35.Rxg6 Bxg6 36.Kg3 -0.01/18
[36.Rc1!± 0.38/25]
36...Kg8 37.Kf2 Bd8 38.Rc1 Be7 39.Ke2 Kh7 40.Kd2? -1.53/23
[40.Rg1= 0.01/22]
40...Bh5∓ 41.Rf1 -2.49/25
[41.Ng5+∓ -1.03/24 Bxg5 42.Bxg5]
41...Rg8-+ 42.Rf2 Rg4 43.Ne1? -6.28/33
[43.Bh2 -2.48/24]

(Diagram)

43...Rxf4! 44.Rxf4 Endgame And now Rf4-f1 would win. KRN-KB **44...Bg5 45.Ng2 Bg4 46.Ke1 Bxf4 47.Nxf4**



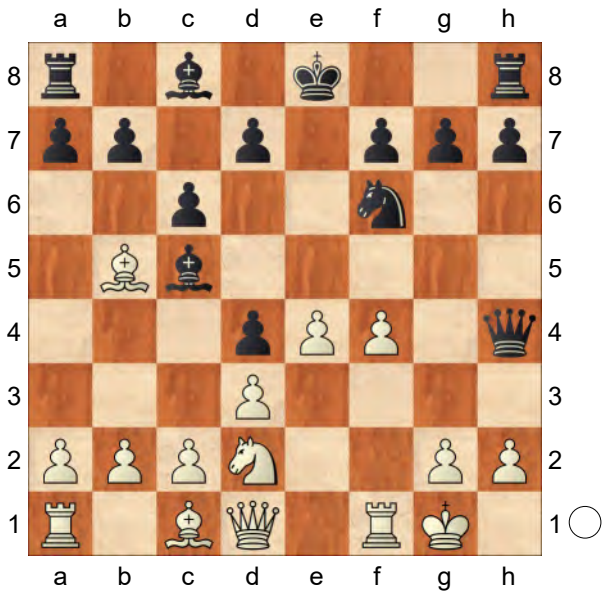
KB-KN **47...Be6 48.Nh5 Kxh6 49.Nf6 Kg6 50.Ne8 c4** -3.12/29
[⌓50...Kf5 -7.20/29 51.Nd6+ Kxe5]
51.bxc4 dxc4 52.dxc4 Bxc4
Strongly threatening ...Bc4-b3. **53.Nd6 Bb3 54.Nb7** -4.69/31
[54.Ke2 -3.09/28 was worth a try. Bxa4 55.Kd3]
54...Bxa4 55.Nxa5? -5.64/32
[55.e6 -3.29/26 was the only defense.]
55...Kf5 56.Nc4 Bb3 57.Nd2 Bd5 58.Ke2? -8.08/34
[58.Kf2 -3.64/35]
58...Kxe5 59.Kd3 f5 60.Nf1? -15.80/24
[60.Ke2 -3.61/29]
60...f4 61.Nd2 b3? -2.02/29
[61...f3 -13.73/26 (-> ...b4-b3) 62.b3 Bc6 63.Nc4+ Kf4 64.Kxd4 f2]
62.Nf1? -20.47/30
[62.Ke2 -2.02/29]
62...Bb7 63.Nh2 Ba6+? -3.23/5
[63...f3 -15.30/24 64.Ng4+ Kf4]
64.Kd2 Ke4 Against Nh2-f3. Hoping for ...f4-f3. **65.Ng4 f3** Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/

Black=0.67
0-1

C61

□ **Wisker,John**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Match Bird-Wisker (1) +6-6=2 05.04.1873
[MH]

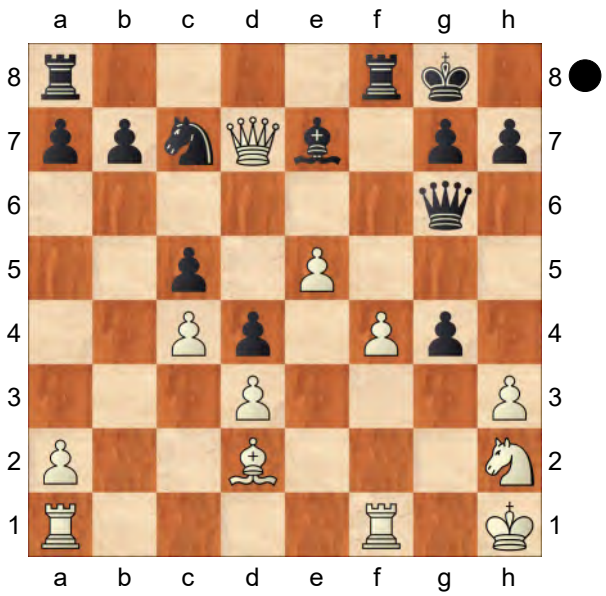
C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
G13.46: "The Bird falls flat!" L.McShane-M.Costagliola, London 1997. Ruy Lopez, Bird Defence, Code C61. G13.46: "The Bird falls flat!" L.McShane-M.Costagliola, London 1997. Ruy Lopez, Bird Defence, Code C61. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 Qh4** 0.89/18 Prevents Qd1-h5.
[6...c6± 0.41/18
A) 7.Ba4 Ne7 8.f4 f5 9.Qh5+ *(9.Bb3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1+ Kf7 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Bxd5+ cxd5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Qf3 a5 16.Qf2 Qf6 17.Nd2 a4 18.Nf3 Kg8 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.Bb4 Rae8 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Qh4 Qxh4 23.Nxh4 Bd8* Dorn,M (2159)-Staak,E (2055) ICCF email 2015 CBM 197 [Szabo, Krisztian] 1-0 (37) *)* 9...g6 10.Qh6 Ng8 11.Qg7 Qf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bb3 d6 15.exd6 Kd7 16.Nd2 Re8 17.Nf3 Kxd6 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Kf1 Kd5 Blatny,P (2515)-Stohl,I (2515) Prague 1996 CBM 54 [Ribli] 0-1 (58);
B) 7.Bc4 d6]
7.f4N 0.26/23
[7.Nd2!± 0.89/18 Ne7 8.e5 Ng6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.Ng3 Nxe5 11.Nf5 Qf6 12.Nxe7 Kxe7 13.Re1 Kd8 14.Qh5 h6 15.Qxe5 1-0 (15) Morozov,Y-Van Oosterwijk 65. Candidates Match, Leningrad 1997 200 Traps In The Opening [FS 10_11\78]]
7...Nf6 8.Nd2 c6



White has an edge. **9.Nf3! Qh5**
[9...Qh6 10.f5]
10.Bc4 0-0 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Ne8 13.Bd2 Nc7 14.h3 f5 0.59/19
[14...a5= 0.26/20 was preferrable. 15.a4 Bd7]
15.Nh2 Qg6 16.Kh1 Be6 0.65/18
[⌓16...a5 0.31/19 17.a4 b6]
17.g4 0.09/20
[17.Nf3± 0.65/18]
17...Be7 18.c3 dxc3
[18...fxg4 19.hxg4 Qxd3 20.Rf3±]
19.bxc3 c5 20.Bc2 -0.39/20
[20.a4= 0.01/19 might be stronger.]
20...d4!∓ 21.c4 Bd7 White must now prevent ...Bd7-c6+. **22.Ba4** -1.10/22
[Better is 22.g5!∓ -0.31/22]
22...Bxa4∓ 23.Qxa4 fxg4 24.Qd7

(Diagram)

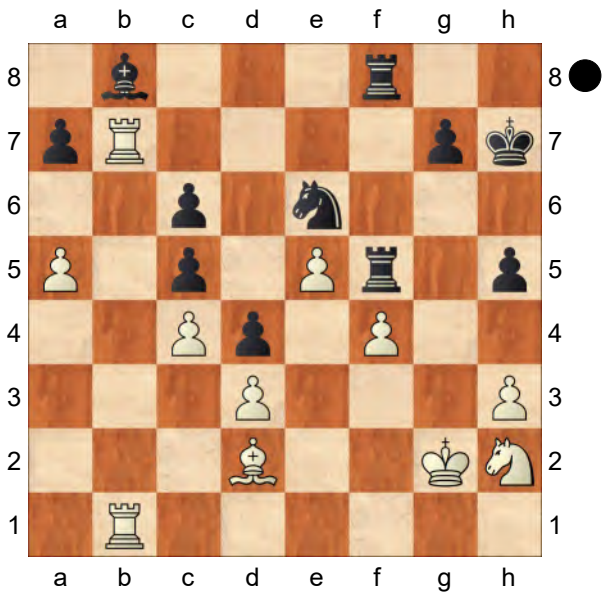
g3! -0.47/23 **25.Rg1∓ Bd8** Strongly threatening ...Rf8-f7. **26.Rxg3! Qc6+**



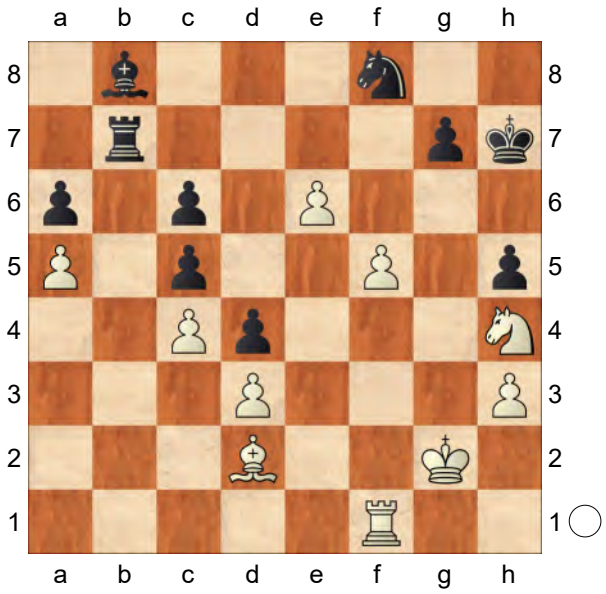
0.58/18
[26...Qxg3∓ -0.45/23 27.Rg1 Rf7 28.Qxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rxg3 g6]
27.Qxc6± bxc6 28.Rag1 0.12/24
[28.Rb1± 0.62/23]
28...Ne6= 29.Rf3 f4-f5 is the strong threat. **29...Rf5! 30.Rb1** Against Ra8-b8 **30...Bb6** 0.56/23
[30...h5= 0.17/21]
31.a4 Raf8 32.a5 Bc7 33.Rb7 0.01/22
[33.Kg2± 0.51/24]
33...Bb8 1.02/24
[33...Bxe5!= 0.01/22 34.Rxa7 Bxf4]
34.Kg2 &Bianco is more active. **34...h5** 1.53/23
[⌓34...R5f7 1.00/21 35.Rxf7 Kxf7]
35.Rf1± Kh7? 3.34/22 A mistake that costs the game.
[35...g5± 1.18/23]
36.Nf3+-
[But not 36.Rfb1?

(Diagram)

Bxe5! 37.fxe5 Rf2+ 38.Kh1 Rxd2-+]
36...a6 4.31/22
[⌓36...Bc7 2.81/23 37.Rxa7 R5f7]
37.Nh4 R5f7 38.Rxf7 Rxf7 39.f5



Prevents g7-g6. **39...Nf8 40.e6** White is clearly winning. **40...Rb7** 8.36/25
[⌓40...Re7 4.82/22 41.Rb1 Be5]



41.Rb1!! Rxb1 42.e7 Nd7 43.e8Q Deutsche Schachzeitung 1873, p. 180. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.35
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C61

□ **Anderssen,Adolf**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
Emperor's Cup (3) 1873
[Bird, H.]

[Vienna Tournament, 1873.] **1.e4** Fritz 6 (5s) **1...e5** Fritz 6 (5s): 'Opening = C61 - Spanisch-Bird Verteidigung / Ruy Lopez-Bird Defence' **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4** [This defence, which has been played by Mr. Bird for years with tolerable success, has been generally condemned; if properly carried out, it leads to an interesting form of game, and the move has the rare advantage of not having been analyzed to any great extent.] **4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3** [Mr. Zukertort considers castling better; the compiler agrees with him.] **5...c6 6.Ba4**
[6.Bc4 Fritz 6 (5s) d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kg7 Ljubojevic, L-Salov,V/Rotterdam 1989/½-½ (46)]
6...Nf6 Fritz 6 (5s): 'N'
[6...Bc5 Fritz 6 (5s) 7.0-0 Qf6 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.e5 Qxe5 10.Re1 Qf5 11.Ne4 d6 12.a3 Qg6 13.Qe2 Bb6 14.Bf4 Bc7 15.Bb3 0-0 16.Bxd6 Bg4 17.f3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Bxd6 19.Rf1 Rad8 20.Rae1 Be5 21.Nc5 Alekhine,A-Bernstein,O/Moscow 1913/1-0 (61)]
7.0-0 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.c3 Bd6 10.cxd4 Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[10.Re1+ Fritz 6 (5s) Be6=]
10...Qh4 Fritz 6 (5s): 'Threatening mate... how?' **11.g3** Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[11.Re1+ Fritz 6 (5s) Be6 12.h3 0-0∓]
11...Qh3 Fritz 6 (5s): '='
[11...Qxd4!? Fritz 6 (5s) 12.Re1+ Be6∓]
12.Qe2+ Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[12.Nc3!? Fritz 6 (5s) Be6 13.Bb3=]
12...Kd8 Fritz 6 (5s): '='
[12...Be6 Fritz 6 (5s) 13.Re1∓]
13.f3 Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[13.Re1 Fritz 6 (5s) Bg4 14.Qe4 Bf5=]
13...Re8 Fritz 6 (5s): 'Threatening mate: Rxe2' **14.Qf2 Bf5 15.Nc3 Nxc3** Fritz 6 (5s): '='
[15...Bxd3 Fritz 6 (5s) 16.Re1 Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1∓]
16.bxc3 Bxd3 17.Re1 Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Kd7 [With the object of playing 19...♖e8.]
19.d5 Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[19.Be3 Fritz 6 (5s) Re8 20.Qf2 Qf5=]
19...Bc5+ Fritz 6 (5s): '='
[By playing 19...Re8 as he first intended, the second player would have secured a winning advantage by 20.dxc6+ Kc7 21.Be3 Fritz 6 (5s): '∓' (Best.) Bc5 22.Bxc5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 b5 24.Bb3 Kxc6]
20.Kh1 b5
[20...Qf1+ Fritz 6 (5s) 21.Qxf1 Bxf1 22.dxc6+ bxc6 23.Bh6=]
21.Bf4 Fritz 6 (5s): '∓'
[⌓21.dxc6+!? Fritz 6 (5s) Kxc6 22.Bb3=]
21...Qh5 Fritz 6 (5s): '='
[⌓21...g5!? Fritz 6 (5s) 22.dxc6+ Kxc6 23.Bxb5+ Kxb5 *(≤23...Bxb5 24.Qe4+ Kb6 25.Qxa8 gxf4 26.Rb1±)* 24.Bxg5 Qf5∓]
22.dxc6+ Fritz 6 (5s): 'White gets decisive kings attack' **22...Kxc6** Fritz 6 (5s): 'Do you see the mate threat?. ' **23.Bd1 Rd8** Fritz 6 (5s): '±'
[23...Ba3 Fritz 6 (5s) 24.Qe3 Bc4

25.Be5=]
24.a4 Qd5 25.axb5+ Bxb5 26.Kg2 g5 Fritz 6 (5s): '+-'
[26...Qe6 Fritz 6 (5s) 27.Be5 f6∓]
27.Bc2 Fritz 6 (5s): '!' **27...Kb6**
[⩲27...Qe6!? Fritz 6 (5s) 28.Be4+ Kd7 29.Bxg5 f6+-]
28.c4 Fritz 6 (5s): 'The mate threat is Qa5' [Very finely played; Black has now no resource.] **28...Qd7**
[28...Bxc4 Fritz 6 (5s) 29.Be4 Bd4 30.Bxd5 Bxa1 31.Be3+ Kb5 32.Qb1+ Ka4 33.Qxa1+ Ba2 34.Qxa2+ Kb5 35.Qc4+ Ka5 36.Bd2+ Kb6 37.Qc6#]
29.Qa5+
[29.cxb5?! Fritz 6 (5s) gxf4 30.Qa5+]
29...Kb7 30.Be4+
[30.Qxb5+?! Fritz 6 (5s) Qxb5 31.cxb5 gxf4 32.Bxh7 Kb6±]
[30.cxb5?! Fritz 6 (5s) gxf4 31.Rd1 Qxd1 32.Bxd1 Rxd1 33.Qa6+ Kb8+-]
[30.Bxh7?! Fritz 6 (5s) gxf4 31.Be4+ Kc8 32.Qxb5 Qxb5 33.cxb5 Rd2+ 34.Kh3 fxg3+-]
30...Bc6
[30...Kc8 Fritz 6 (5s) 31.Bf5!! gxf4 32.Bxd7+ Rxd7 33.cxb5 fxg3 34.hxg3 Kb8+-]
31.Qa6+ Ka8 Fritz 6 (5s) **32.Qxc6+ Qxc6 33.Bxc6#**
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C61

□ **Boden,Samuel Standidge**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
London 1873
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Geller,Efim P: 'Geller,E: 'Inf 44/(390)"
1.e4 (year of play estimated) Brooklyn Chess Chronicle Vol. II, 1884 p. 172
1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Qe2N
[6.Bc4 d6 7.c3 *(7.d3 Ne7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qh5 Be6 10.Qh4 Re8 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qxe7 Rxe7 15.f4 a5 16.Rf2 a4 17.Nf1 Rf8 18.Ng3 d5 19.Raf1 Ref7 20.exd5 exd5 21.f5 Bd6* Dolmatov,S (2515)-Tukmakov,V (2575) Minsk 1987 CBM 146 [Marin, Mihail] ½-½ *)* 7...Nf6 8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Qa4+ Kf8 10.Be2 c5 11.d3 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.Nc3 a6 14.Qb3 b5 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Qd2 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Geller,E (2515)-Barua, D (2455) Coimbatore 1987 CI1-130 [Geller,Efim P]]
[6.b4 Bxb4 7.c3 dxc3 8.dxc3 Bc5 9.e5 c6 10.Bc4 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qh5 Be6 13.Bxe6 g6 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h5 18.Bh6 Rad8 19.h3 Rd7 20.c4 Bb4 Markland,P (2283)-9.♔h1 ♗e6 10.f4_83589 (2321) corr 2016 CBM 052 Extra [Karpov,An/ Mazukewitsch] 1-0 (53)]
[6.d3 Ne7 7.Qh5 Bb6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Bc4 Qe8 10.f4 Kh8 11.e5 d6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd2 Be6 14.exd6 cxd6 15.Rae1 d5 16.Bxd5 Qc5 17.Re5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 Qxc2 19.Nf3 Qxd3 20.f5 Qe2 De Vere,C-Bird,H London 1866 EXT 2002 [ChessBase/ Bird] 1-0 (43)]
6...Ne7 7.d3 -0.03/21
[7.Qh5 0.29/20 might be stronger. b6 8.d3]
7...c6= 8.Bc4 Hoping for Bc4xf7+! The position is equal. **8...d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb3 a5** Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. **11.a4! Ra6 12.Re1 Rg6 13.Bf4 h5**

0.33/21
[13...0-0= -0.25/22]
14.Nd2 -0.33/22
[14.Kh1± 0.33/21]
14...Bh3 -0.01/24
[14...h4∓ -0.33/22]
15.g3 -0.45/23
[15.Bg3= -0.01/24
is more appropriate.]
15...h4!∓ 16.f3? -2.49/24
[16.Qe5∓ -0.31/21]
16...Rh5 17.g4 -2.74/24
[⩲17.Nf1 -1.66/23]
17...f5? 0.47/23
[17...Rf5!-+ -2.74/24 18.Bg3 hxg3! 19.gxf5 gxh2+ 20.Kh1 Rg2 21.Qxg2 Bxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Kf8]
18.g5? -6.77/27
[18.Qe5± 0.47/23 Bd6 19.Qxd6 *(19.Qxd4? fxg4 20.Bxd6 gxf3+ 21.Kh1 Bg2+ 22.Kg1 Qxd6-+; 19.Qxd5 Bxf4 20.Qf7+ Kd7-+)* 19...Rxd6 20.gxh5 *(20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.gxh5 Qh6=)*]
18...Rhxg5+ -2.86/27
[⩲18...Bd6 -6.77/27 19.Bxd6 Rhxg5+ 20.Bg3 hxg3]
19.Bxg5-+ Rxg5+ 20.Kh1 Bg2+ 21.Qxg2 Rxg2 22.Kxg2 Kf8 23.Re5 Qd6 -2.13/26
[⩲23...Bd6 -3.83/25 24.Re6 Kf7]
24.Rae1 h3+ 25.Kh1 Qh6 26.R1e2 f4? 1.38/26
[26...Bd6-+ -2.74/24 27.Re6 Qf4]
27.Re6 0.01/26
[27.Bxd5± 1.38/26 aiming for Bd5-c4. Nxd5 28.Rxd5]
27...Qh4= 28.R6e5 -0.43/26
[28.Ba2!= -0.01/27]
28...g6? 1.18/24
[28...Bb4!∓ -0.43/26 stays ahead.]
29.c3? -4.32/25
[29.Bxd5± 1.18/24 is necessary to keep the advantage. Bd6 30.Re6! *(30.Bxb7? Bxe5 31.Be4 Qg5-+)* 30...Nxd5 31.Rxd6]
29...Nf5? -0.01/27
[29...dxc3-+ -4.32/25 30.bxc3 Be3]
30.Bxd5 -1.05/25
[30.Rxd5= -0.01/27 Be7 31.Rde5 *(31.Rxa5 Ng3+ 32.hxg3 fxg3∓)*]
30...Ne3? 0.98/23
[30...dxc3∓ -1.05/25 (-> ...Qh4-g5) 31.bxc3 *(31.Re8+? Kg7-+)* 31...Ng3+! 32.hxg3 fxg3]
31.Nc4? -1.96/24
[31.Bxb7?! dxc3 32.bxc3 *(32.Rxc5 cxd2 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Rc7+ Kh6)* 32...Qd8=]
[31.Ne4± 0.98/23 b6 32.Bb3]
31...g5? 1.60/23 The board is on fire.
[31...Qf6-+ -1.96/24 32.Bxb7 Bd6]
32.Nxe3? -5.27/21
[32.Nxa5 dxc3 33.bxc3 Nxd5-+]
[32.Bxb7± 1.60/23 and life is bright. Nxc4 33.Rxc5]
32...dxe3? 0.37/22
[Black should try 32...fxe3-+ -5.27/21 33.Rf5+ *(33.Bxb7? Qf2-+)* 33...Ke7]
33.Bxb7? -#9/20
[33.Be6± 0.37/22 b6 34.d4]

(Diagram)

33...Qf2!!
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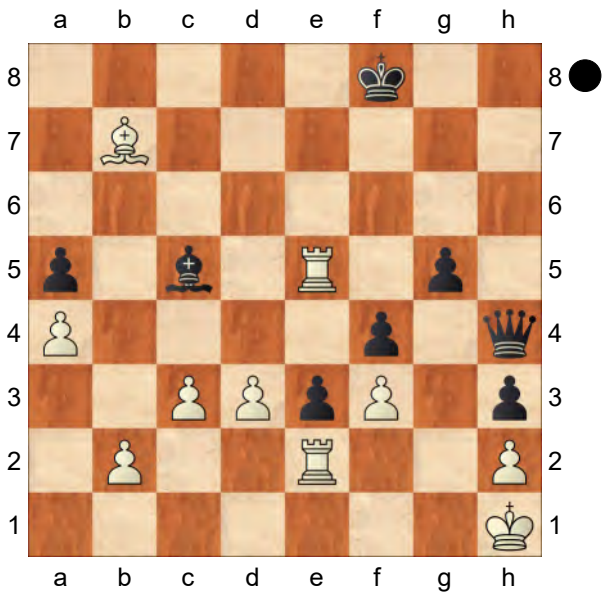

C61

□ **Gelbfuhs**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
21 luglio Vienna 21 luglio 1873
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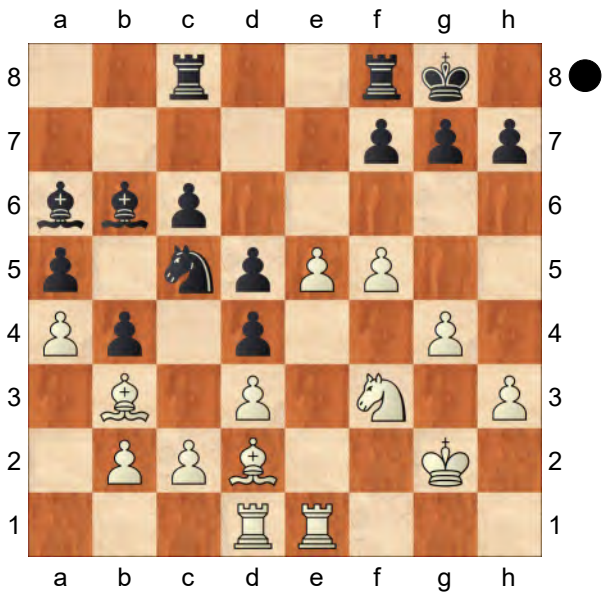
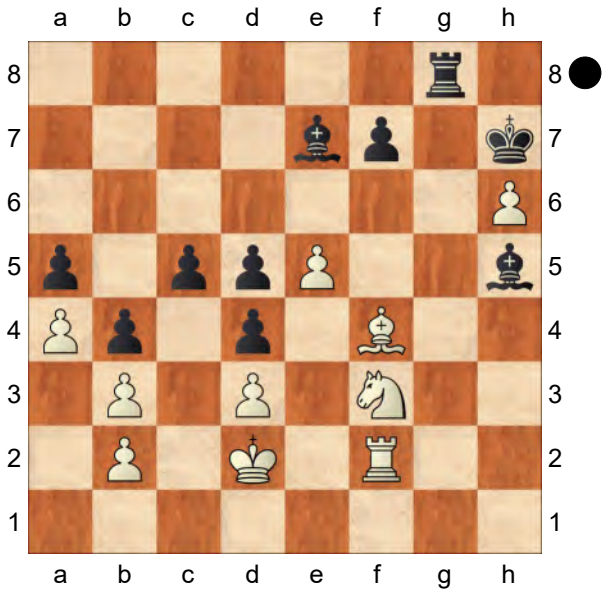
[6.Qh5!? b6 7.Qe5+ *(7.Bc4 Qe7±)* 7...Kf8 8.0-0±]
6...Qh4 0.74/20 Prevents Qd1-h5.
[6...c6± 0.35/20 7.Bc4 *(7.Ba4 a5 8.c3 b5 9.Bc2 d6 10.Nd2 a4 11.h3 Ne7 12.Nf3 dxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.d4 Bb6 15.Re1 f5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.exf5 Qf6 19.d5 Ba5 20.Re3 Bxc3 21.Rb1 b4* Rente,H (2507)-Jirk,A (2372) Pardubice 2006 [Olivier Renet] ½-½ (34) *)* 7...d6]
7.f4N 0.20/22
[7.Nd2± 0.74/20 Ne7 8.e5 Ng6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.Ng3 Nxe5 11.Nf5 Qf6 12.Nxe7 Kxe7 13.Re1 Kd8 14.Qh5 h6 15.Qxe5 1-0 (15) Morozov,Y-Van Oosterwijk 65. Candidates Match, Leningrad 1997 200 Traps In The Opening [FS 10_11\78]]
[7.c3 Nf6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.Nf3 Qh5 10.cxd4 Bb6 11.e5 d6 12.Ba4 Nd5 13.Bb3 Nb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.exd6 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Nxd4 19.Bd1 cxd6 20.Be3 Rac8 21.f4 d5 Schmaus,A-Gruettner, R Novi Sad 1877 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu,Chen] 0-1 (60)]
7...Nf6 8.h3 -0.01/20
[8.Nd2± 0.42/23 should be considered.]
8...c6= The position is equal. **9.Bc4 d6** 0.25/22
[⌓9...0-0 -0.12/22]
10.Qe1 Qxe1 11.Rxe1 0-0 12.Bb3 b5 0.54/23
[12...a5= 0.01/21 13.a4 Re8]
13.a4 b4 1.03/21
[13...a5± 0.41/20]
14.Nd2 0.61/22
[14.a5!± 1.03/21]
14...a5!± 15.Nf3 Nd7 1.01/22
[15...d5± 0.59/19 is superior.]
16.g4 Ba6 1.21/20
[⌓16...g6 0.85/19]
17.Bd2 0.18/20
[17.f5± 1.21/20]
17...Bb6= 18.Kg2 -0.47/20
[18.Ba2!± 0.36/21]
18...Rac8 0.44/20
[18...Nc5!∓ -0.47/20]
19.e5± d5 20.f5 -0.84/22
[20.Ba2!± 0.43/21 keeps the upper hand.]
20...Nc5!∓ Hoping for ...Ba6xd3!
21.Rad1
(Diagram)

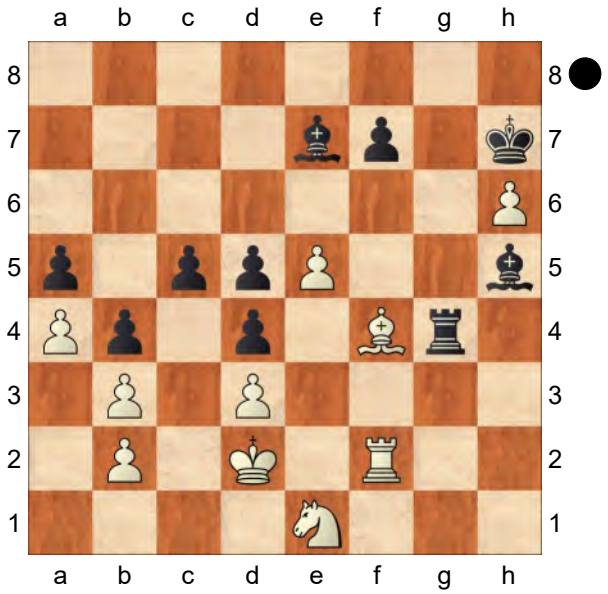


Nxb3 0.01/19
[21...Bxd3!∓ -0.62/23 22.cxd3 *(22.Bxb4 axb4)* 22...Nxb3]
22.cxb3= c5 23.Bf4 Rfe8 24.Kg3! Bc7 0.79/22
[24...h6!= -0.01/19]
25.h4 0.48/22
[Of course not 25.e6 Bxf4+ 26.Kxf4 fxe6=]
[25.g5± 0.79/22]
25...Bb8 1.39/20
[25...h6± 0.48/22]
26.g5 0.82/20
[⌓26.h5! 1.39/20]
26...Rc6 1.24/20
[⌓26...Ba7 0.82/20]
27.h5± Bc8? 2.89/22
[27...Rf8± 0.97/21]
28.f6? 0.19/18
[28.Rc1+- 2.89/22]
28...h6 1.44/22
[28...Bf5= 0.19/18]
29.fxg7 0.01/23
[29.Kh4!± 1.44/22]
29...hxg5= 30.Bxg5 Black must now prevent Kg3-h4. **30...Kxg7** 1.14/21
[30...f6!= 0.01/21 remains equal. 31.Bf4 fxe5 32.Nxe5 *(32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Nxe5 Re6=)* 32...Rce6]
31.Kh4!± Strongly threatening Re1-g1.
31...Bc7 2.22/23
[31...Ree6± 0.98/22]
32.Rg1 0.95/23
[32.Bf6++- 2.22/23 has better winning chances. Kf8 33.Rf1]
32...Kf8 33.h6 0.01/22
[33.Bf6± 1.19/23]
33...Rg6 1.88/23 Inhibits Rg1-g7.
[33...Bd8= 0.01/22 and Black stays safe. 34.Bxd8 Rxh6+ 35.Kg5 Rh3]
34.Bf4? 0.01/22
[White should play 34.Rc1+- 1.88/23]
34...Bf5 35.Rxg6 Bxg6 36.Kg3 aiming for Rd1-c1. **36...Kg8 37.Kf2 Bd8 38.Rc1 Be7 39.Ke2 Kh7 40.Kd2?** -1.60/28
[40.Rg1= 0.01/23]
40...Bh5∓ 41.Rf1 -2.42/25
[41.Ke2∓ -1.49/26 is a better defense.]
41...Rg8-+ 42.Rf2



Rg4! 43.Ne1? -6.81/35
[43.Bh2 -2.51/27]

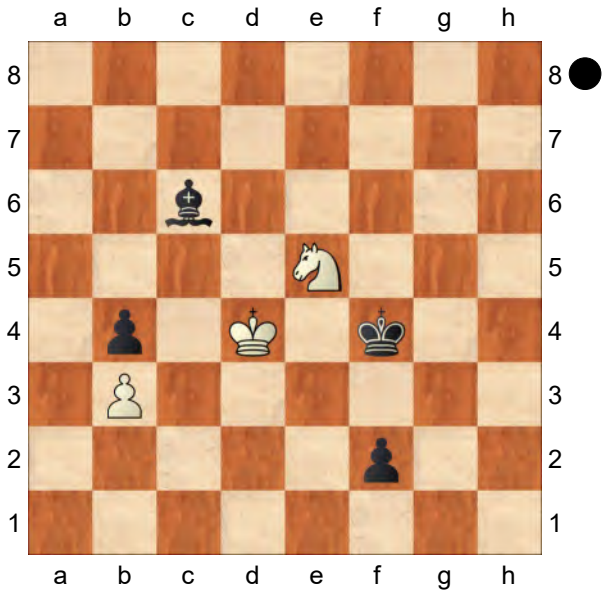
(Diagram)



43...Rxf4! 44.Rxf4 Endgame KRN-KB
44...Bg5 45.Ng2 Bg4 46.Ke1 Bxf4 47.Nxf4 KB-KN **47...Be6 48.Nh5 Kxh6 49.Nf6 Kg6 50.Ne8 c4 51.bxc4 dxc4 52.dxc4 Bxc4** And now ...Bc4-b3 would win. **53.Nd6 Bb3 54.Nb7?** -5.27/28
[54.Ke2∓ -1.59/24]
54...Bxa4 -2.59/24
[⌓54...Kf5 -5.27/28 55.Nxa5 Bxa4]
55.Nxa5? -8.88/33
[55.e6 -2.59/24]
55...Kf5 56.Nc4 Bb3 57.Nd2 -8.09/34
[⌓57.Nb6 -4.26/30]
57...Bd5 Threatens to win with ...Kf5-e6.
58.Ke2 Kxe5 59.Kd3 -10.50/31
[⌓59.Kf2 -4.57/34]
59...f5 ...Bd5-e4+ is the strong threat.
60.Nf1 f4 61.Nd2 b3? -1.63/27
[61...f3 -13.71/28 (-> ...b4-b3) 62.b3 Bc6 63.Nc4+ Kf4 64.Kxd4 f2 65.Ne5

(Diagram)

f1Q! 66.Nxc6 Qb5 67.Na7 Qd7+ 68.Kc4 Qxa7 69.Kb5 Qd4 70.Ka5 Ke4 71.Ka6 Kd5 72.Kb5 Qf4 73.Kb6 Qb8+ 74.Ka6 Kc6 75.Ka5



Qb5#]
62.Nf1? -17.50/29
[62.Ke2 -1.63/27]
62...Bb7 63.Nh2 Ba6+ 64.Kd2 Ke4 Against Nh2-f3 **65.Ng4 f3** What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/ Black=0.59
0-1

C61

□ **Schallopp,Emil**
■ **Bird,Henry Edward**
British CA Congress-02 Masters (2)
[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 ChessBase II **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 h5** 0.81/20
[5...c6± 0.44/20 might be stronger. 6.Bc4 Nf6 *(6...d5* ChessBase II *)*]
6.0-0±
[6.c3 c6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nd2 g5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nb3 g4 14.Qg3 gxh3 15.Qxh3 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bb6

17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nf6 19.Rf3 Ng4 20.Nd4 0-0-0 Judd,M-Bird,H New York 1889 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] 0-1 (35)]

6...Bc5 7.c3N

[7.h3 c6 8.Bc4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Ba4 g5 12.Re1 Be6 13.f4 b5 14.Bxb5 Qa5 15.Bc6 Rc8 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Bd7 Rd8 18.Bxe6 Re8 19.f5 g4 20.Nd2 Qc7 21.Nf1 gxh3 Cramling Pia-Qxd4 Side Lines Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu, Chen] 1-0 (54)]

[7.Bf4 g5 8.Bd2 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2+ Kf8 12.Qe5 Qf6 13.Qxd5 Be7 14.Bxg5 Qg6 15.Bxe7+ Nxe7 16.Qd8+ Kg7 17.Qxe7 Rf8 18.Qe5+ Kh7 19.Nd2 Rg8 20.g3 Bh3 21.Ne4 Rg7 Bajarani,U (2485)-Javanbakht,N (2461) Konya TUR 2019 [Flear,Glenn] 1-0 22.Nf6+ Kh6 23.Qf4+ Qg5 24.Qxg5+ 1-0 (24) Flohr-Fischer,R Budapest 1889 [01: Active Bishop]]

7...c6 8.Ba4 White is slightly better.

8...Ne7 9.b4 Bb6 10.c4 Prevents d7-d5. **10...d6 11.Qc2 Bg4** 0.81/21

[11...a5± 0.40/21]

12.f4 h4 13.h3 0.70/19

[13.f5± 1.08/21]

13...Bd7± 14.c5 Bc7 15.Bb2 d5 1.26/18

[Black should try 15...a5± 0.48/20]

16.e5? -0.53/21

[16.Nd2± 1.26/18]

16...Nf5 17.Qf2 Rh6 18.Re1

[18.Bxd4 ChessBase II Rg6]

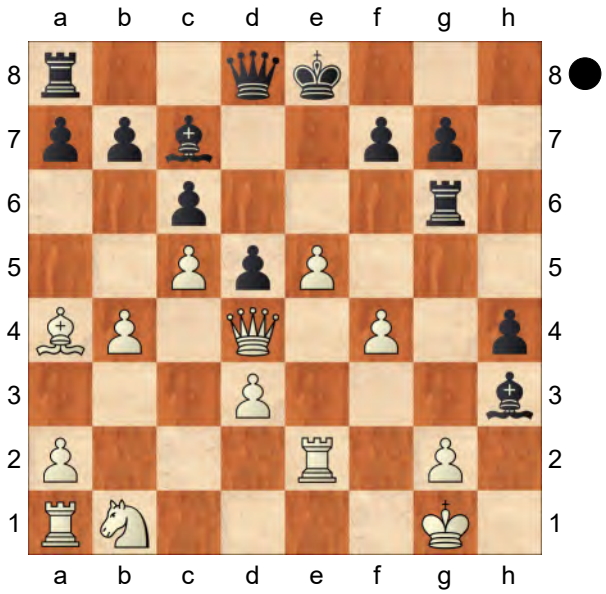
18...Rg6! ...Nf5-e3 is the strong threat.

19.Bxd4 -1.24/23 ChessBase II: '?'

[19.Kh1!= -0.14/21]

19...Nxd4∓ 20.Qxd4 Bxh3 21.Re2

(Diagram)



Bf5 -0.63/20

[21...Qd7!∓ -1.15/21 And now ...0-0-0 would win. 22.Nc3 b5]

22.Kh2 -1.07/18

[22.b5∓ -0.63/20]

22...a6 -0.65/19

[22...Rg3∓ -1.07/18 aiming for ...g7-g5. 23.Bc2 Qe7]

23.Nc3∓ Kf8 24.Nd1 Qd7 25.Ne3 Rg3 -0.27/20

[25...f6∓ -0.83/21 Strongly threatening ...Ra8-e8. 26.Rf1 Re8 27.exf6 Rxf6]

26.Bc2!= Re8 27.Qb2? -1.95/24

[27.Rae1= -0.25/22 and White stays safe.]

27...Bh3? -0.01/21

[⌓27...Bg4 ChessBase II 28.Ree1 g5]

28.d4! Bg4

[28...Bxg2? ChessBase II 29.Bf5!]

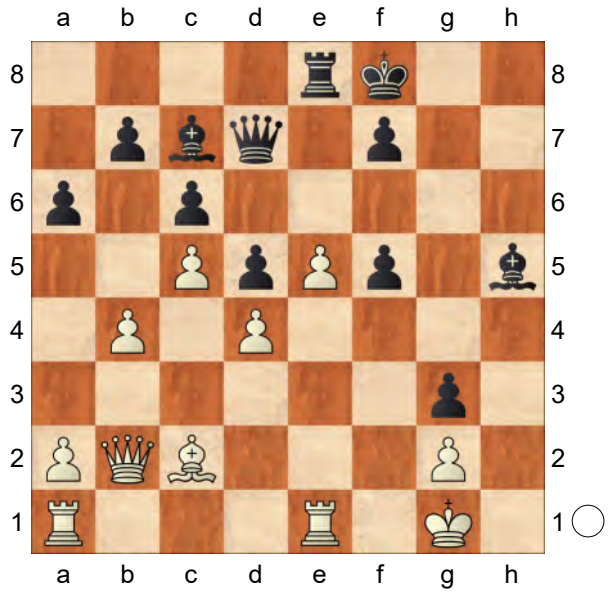
29.Ree1! g6 0.69/21

[Black should play 29...Qe6= -0.01/20]

30.Nf1!± Bf3 1.21/22 **31.Nxg3± hxg3+** 2.69/25

[31...Qg4± 1.52/26 32.Kg1 *(32.gxf3 Qxg3+ 33.Kh1 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Qg3+ 35.Kh1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg3+ 37.Kh1*

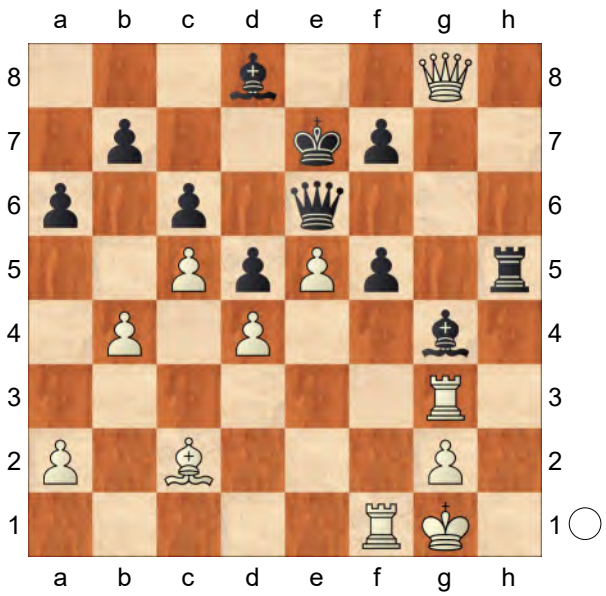
Qf3+=) 32...Bxg2]
32.Kg1+- Bh5 33.f5 Threatens to win with Qb2-c1. ChessBase II: '+-!'
33...gxf5 3.68/25
[33...f6 2.51/24 keeps fighting.
34.Qc1 *(34.fxg6? Qg4-+; 34.exf6 gxf5 35.Rxe8+ Bxe8±)* 34...fxe5]



34.Qc1! Qe6 Prevents Qc1-h6+. **35.Qf4 Bg4 36.Re3**
[Much less strong is 36.Qxg3 Bd8 37.Rf1 Qg6+-]
36...Ke7 37.Rf1 Dancing on a razor blade. **37...Rh8 38.Qg5+ Ke8 39.Rxg3**
[39.Bxf5 ChessBase II]
39...Bd8 40.Qg7 Rh5 10.73/29
[40...Rf8 3.90/26 41.Rf4 Bc7]
41.Qg8+ White is clearly winning.
41...Ke7

(Diagram)

42.Rxg4! Black must now prevent Rg4-g7. **42...fxg4**
[42...Qh6 43.Rff4]
43.Rf6 Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27



(precise) /Black=0.34
1-0

C61

□ **Anderssen,Adolf**
■ **Neumann,Gustav Richard**
Berlin m1 1864
[Fritz 6 (5s)]

1.e4 e5 Opening = C51 - Evans Gambit / Evans Gambit **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Ne7**
[5...Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.b4 *(7.d3 c6 8.Qh5 Qe7 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Qh4 h6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.f5 b5 15.Bb3 a5 16.a4 Bb4 17.Rd1 Bd7 18.Nd2 Bxd2 19.Rxd2 Rfb8 20.Ra2 Kf8 21.Rd1 Ke7)* 7...Bb6 8.a4 a6 9.d3 Ne7 10.Qh5 0-0 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Nd2 Bxc4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nxc4 Ba7 15.Qd5 Rab8 16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Bc5 19.Ra1 Qd7 20.Rfb1 c6 21.bxc6 bxc6]
6.d3 c6
[6...g6 7.c3 *(7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.f4 d6 10.Bc4 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe8*

12.Rae1 Bd7 13.Qf2 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a3 a4 16.Ba2 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qh4 Ng8 19.f5 Nf6 20.Rf3 c5 21.Rh3 Ra7) 7...Bg7 8.cxd4 Bxd4 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bh6 Bg7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qf3 c6 0-1 Zukertort,J-Anderssen,A/Breslau 1866 (52) 13.Bc4!?= d6 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Rae1 Qc7 16.Ne2 Rae8 17.Nd4 Ng8 18.Re3 Bc8 19.Bb3 Qd8 20.f4 Qb6 21.Nc2]

7.Ba4 d5 8.Nd2 g6
[8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nd5 10.-- Be7]

9.Re1 Bg7 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Qe2
[11.Bb3 Qa5]

11...Be6
[11...Qd8 12.Nf3 Be6 13.Bb3]
[11...Qe6 12.Ne4]

12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Nf3
[13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qxe6 Qxe6 15.Rxe6 Kd7]
[13.Ne4]

13...Nd5
[13...Bxb3 14.axb3 Kd8 15.Ne5]

14.Ne5
[14.Ng5 Ke7]
[14.Qe4 0-0-0 15.Nxd4 Rde8]

14...Qd6 15.Bxd5 Qxd5
[15...Bxe5 16.Bxe6]
[15...Bxd5 16.Nxg6+ Kd7 17.Nxh8 Bxh8 18.Bf4]

16.Bf4 0-0 17.Qd2∓ Rfe8 Black plans c4 **18.Re2∓ Re7∓ 19.Rae1 Rae8**
[19...Bxe5 20.Bxe5 f5 *(20...Bd7 21.Qh6 f5 22.Bxd4; 20...Rae8 21.Bf6)* 21.Bf6 Ree8 22.Qh6 Qd7 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Rxe6]

20.Ng4∓
[20.c4 dxc3 21.bxc3 Bh3]

20...Qd7
[20...Qh5]
[20...Qf5∓]
[20...Qxa2 21.Bg5∓ Rc7]

21.Bg5 f6 Black gets in control
[21...h5 22.Nf6+∓ Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Kh7]
[21...Bd5 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Qxg4]

22.Bxf6
[22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Rf7]

22...Rf7
[22...b6 23.Qg5 Rf7 24.Bxg7 Bxg4 25.Rxe8+∓ Kxg7 26.h3]

23.Bxg7∓ Bxg4
[⌓23...Kxg7!?∓ 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Ne5 *(25.Qg5∓)*]

24.Rxe8+ Kxg7 25.h3
[25.f3-+ Bf5?! 26.g4 Bxg4 27.fxg4 Qxg4+ 28.Qg2-+ Qh4-+]

25...Bf5 26.Qb4 Qd5 27.R1e5 c5
[27...Qxa2 28.Qxd4 Kh6 29.Rg8-+ Qb1+?! 30.Kh2 Qh1+ 31.Kxh1 Kg5 32.h4+ Kh5 33.Qf4∓ ⌓h6-+ 34.g4+ Kxh4-+ 35.gxf5+ Kh5-+ 36.fxg6+ Rf5 37.Rxf5#]

28.Rxd5∓ cxb4 29.Rxd4 a5 30.g4 Bd7 31.Ra8 Bc6 32.Rxa5?-+ Rf3 Do you see the mate threat? **33.Rxb4? Rxh3** The mate threat is Qxh2 **34.Kf1 Bf3 35.Ke1 Rh4 36.Ra7 Rh1+**
[36...h5 37.Rbxb7+= Bxb7 38.Rxb7+ Kf6 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.c4-+]

37.Kd2 Rd1+ Black prepares b4
[37...h5?! 38.g5 Bc6 39.Rb6]

38.Ke3 Bc6 39.Rbxb7+ Bxb7 40.Rxb7+ Kh6 41.a4 Kg5 42.a5 Kxg4 43.Rb4+
[43.Rxh7 Rb1-+]

43...Kg5
[43...Kf5 44.Ra4]

44.Ra4 Re1+ 45.Kf3 h5
[45...Kf5 46.a6 Re8 47.b4]

46.a6 Re8 47.a7 Ra8 48.b4 h4
[48...Kf5 49.b5 g5 50.b6-+ g4+ 51.Kg3 h4+ 52.Kxh4]

49.b5 h3 50.b6 h2 51.Kg2 Rh8

52.Kh1 Re8 53.b7
0-1

C61
□ **Anderssen,Adolf** **2600**
■ **Van'T Kruys,M**
Amsterdam 1861
[MH]

1.e4 e5 Opening = C01 - Französische Vert-Abtauschvariante /French Def-Exchange Variat **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 c6 6.Bc4 Nf6N**
[6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kg7 21.Nc1]
7.0-0 d5± 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nd2
[9.Re1+
A) 9...Be6 10.c3 *(10.Qh5 Qd6 11.Bg5)* 10...Bc5 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nb3 Qb6 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.Re4 Qf6 16.Qe2 Qg6 17.Bd2 b5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Rg4 Rae8 20.Qd1 Qe6 21.Rg3 c5 22.Qc1 f5 23.Qxc5 f4 24.Rg5;
B) 9...Be7 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.f4 Be6 12.Re5 Qd7 13.Qe1 Bd6 14.Rg5 f6 15.Rg3 0-0-0 16.Qf2 Bc7 17.Nd2 h5 18.h4 Rhe8 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.Bd2 g5 21.fxg5 Bxg3 22.Qxg3 Re2 23.Bf4 fxg5 24.Nxg5 b6 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Bf5 27.Qe5 Kb7 28.Qf6 Ka6 29.b4 Qd5 30.a4 Re8 31.Nf3 Re2 32.Qxc6 Qxc6 33.b5+ Ka5 34.bxc6 Rxc2 35.Nxd4 Rc5 36.c7 Bg4 37.Nb3+ Kb4 38.Nxc5 Kxc5 39.a5 Kd4 40.axb6 axb6 41.Kf2 Kxd3 42.Bd6 b5 43.Be7 Kd4 44.Bf6+ Ke4 45.Bc3 Kd3 46.Ba5 Ke4 47.Bb4 Kd3 48.Kg3 Ke4 49.Bc3 Bc8 50.Bb4 Bg4 51.Bc3]
9...Be6 10.Ne4 Be7± 11.Qe2±
[11.Re1 0-0]
[11.f4]
11...0-0 12.Bd2
[12.Re1 Re8]
12...Qd7 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.f4
[14.Qf3]
14...f5 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.Qf3 White gets strong initiative **16...Ne3± 17.Bxe3 dxe3+- 18.Qe2!**
[18.Re2 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Qe6 20.b3 Rd8 21.Rfe1 Rd2 22.Nf1 Rxe2 23.Rxe2 Rd8 24.g3 Rd2 25.Kg2 Rxe2+ 26.Qxe2 Qe4+ 27.Kg1]
[18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.Re2 Qxa2 20.c3 Bd6 21.d4 Qe6 22.Rfe1]
18...Bxc4+- 19.dxc4 Rf6 20.Rd1 The passed pawn on e6 quickly leads to threats **20...Rd6 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxf5**
[22.a3 Qd2]
22...Qf6 23.g4=
[23.b4 Bxb4 24.c3 Bxc3 *(24...Qxf5 25.cxb4 Re4 26.g3)*]
23...Rd8±
[23...Qxb2 24.a4 Qf6]
24.Re1
[24.Rb1 Rd2 ½-½ Efimov,I-Miladinovic,I/Montecatini 1998 (18) 25.Qe1 e2+ 26.Kg2 Rxc2]
24...Qxb2 25.g5
[25.h3 Rd2 26.Qf3 e2+ 27.Kh2 Qxc2]
25...Qc3±
[25...Rd2 26.Qh5 g6 27.Nh6+ Kg7 28.Qg4 Qxc2 29.f5 gxf5 30.Nxf5+ Kg6 31.Nh4+ Kf7 32.Nf3]
26.Kh1

[26.Ng3 Rd4 27.f5]
26...Qd2?+-
[26...Rf8± 27.Ng3 Rxf4]
27.Qxd2!
[27.Nxe3± Qxe2 28.Rxe2± Re8]
[27.Ng3± Bb4 28.Rb1± b6]
27...exd2
[27...Rxd2= 28.Nxe3 Rf2 29.f5]
28.Rd1 The passed pawn on f5 will quickly become a dangerous weapon
28...Bb4 29.Kg2!
[29.c3 Bxc3 30.Kg2]
29...Re8 30.c3
[30.Kf3 Re1 31.Ne3 Bc5= 32.Rxd2!?± ≤Rxe3+ *(32...Bxe3∓ 33.Rd8+ Kf7 34.Rd7+ Kg6+- ⌓35.Rxb7!?±)* 33.Kg4 Ra3]
30...Bxc3 31.Kf2 c5
[31...Re1]
[31...Re4+- ⌓32.Ne3± Bd4 33.Rxd2± Bxe3+ 34.Kf3 Bxd2 35.Kxe4]
32.Kf3 Re1
1-0

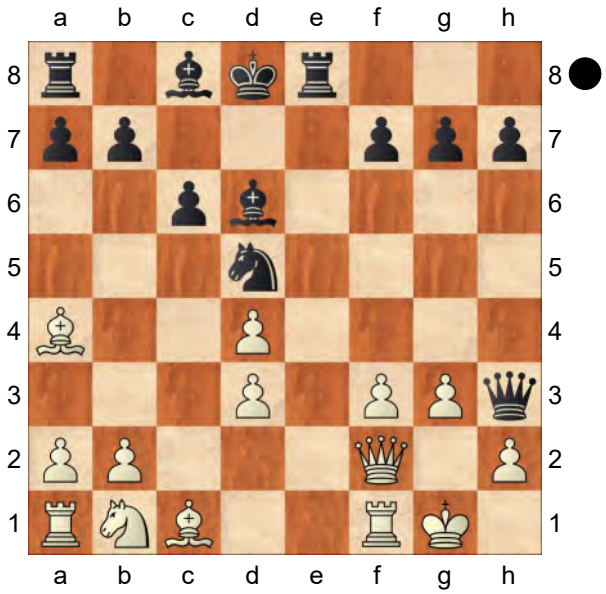
		C61
□	**Anderssen,Adolf**	**2600**
■	**Horwitz,Bernhard**	**2420**
	Brien	1855

[MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
Vladimir Vukovic: 'Komodo 9.02 64-bit (15s): 'C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3**
[5.Bc4 Nf6 6.e5 d5 7.Bb3 Bg4 8.f3 Ne4 9.0-0 d3 10.fxg4 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Ng3+ 12.hxg3 Qg5 13.Rf5 h5 14.gxh5 Qxf5 15.g4 Qf2 16.g3 Qxg3 17.Ba4+ Kf8 18.Qf1 Qh4+ 19.Kg2 Qxg4+ Anderssen,A-Lange Breslau 0-1]
5...c6 6.Ba4
[6.Bc4 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.a4 Nh4 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Qg4 Kg7 Majewski,J (2580)-9.♗f3 ♕c7 10.♗e3 69246 (2630) (ch) 93/(156) 2004 ½-½]
6...Nf6N
[6...Bc5 7.0-0 Ne7 8.f4 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.f5 Bd6 11.Qh5 f6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 Kh8 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.Rxf4 Qd6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 dxe4 19.dxe4 b5 20.Ra3 Kh7 21.Ba2 Hu,Y (2278)-9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4 ♘a5 (2332) Leipzig 1879 1-0]
7.0-0 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.c3 -0.37/20
[9.Re1+= 0.09/18 is more appropriate. Be7 10.Bg5]
9...Bd6∓ Black is slightly better. **10.cxd4 Qh4 11.g3 Qh3** 0.01/20
[11...Qxd4∓ -0.60/20 12.Re1+ Be6]
12.Qe2+ Kd8 0.36/21
[Black should play 12...Be6= -0.23/21]
13.f3 -0.59/22
[13.Bd1!± 0.36/21]
13...Re8 14.Qf2

(Diagram)

Bf5 0.27/20
[14...h5!∓ -0.73/20 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qf5]
15.Nc3 -1.14/25
[15.Bc2= 0.27/20 keeps the balance.]
15...Nxc3∓ 16.bxc3 Bxd3 17.Re1 Wards off Re2. White is weak on the light squares **17...Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Kd7** White must now prevent ...Re8. **19.d5?** -2.64/25



[19.Qf2∓ -0.80/21 was worth a try.]

19...Bc5+-+ 20.Kh1 b5 21.Bf4? -4.07/21

[21.Bb3 -2.17/23 Qf5 22.Bf4 *(22.dxc6+? Kxc6 23.Bf4 g5-+)*]

21...Qh5? -0.62/22

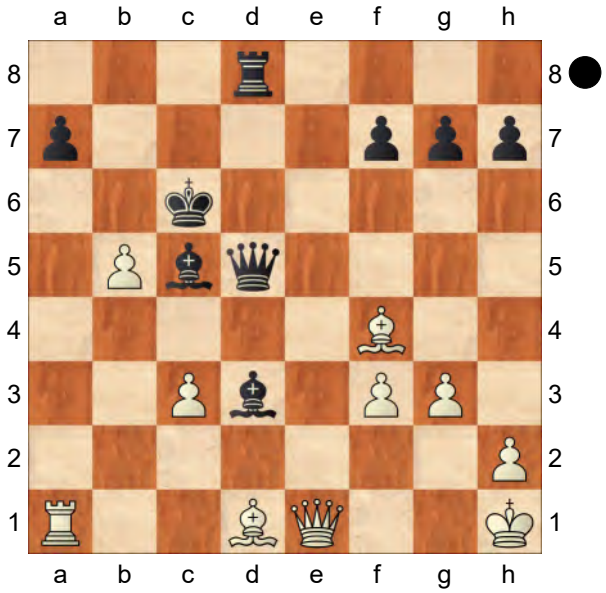
[21...bxa4? 22.Qe5 Rc8 23.d6+-]

[21...g5-+ -4.07/21 22.dxc6+ Kxc6 23.Bxb5+ Kxb5]

22.dxc6+∓ Kxc6 23.Bd1 Rd8 -0.22/22

[23...Qf5∓ -0.86/21 Threatens to win with ...g5. 24.a4 g5 25.axb5+ Kb7]

24.a4= Qd5 25.axb5+



Bxb5 0.01/21

[25...Kb7!∓ -0.71/21 And now ...g5! would win. 26.Kg2 f6]

26.Kg2! Hoping for Bc2. **26...g5** 0.60/22

[26...Bd3= 0.02/19]

27.Bc2!→ Be4 would now be deadly. Black is in trouble. **27...Kb6?** 11.81/21

[27...gxf4? 28.Be4 Bc4 29.Rd1 *(29.Bxd5+ Bxd5 30.Rd1 Rc8+-)* 29...fxg3 30.Bxd5+ Bxd5 31.c4 *(31.Kxg3 Rg8+ 32.Kf4 Bd6+ 33.Kf5 Bc5±; 31.Qxg3 Rf8+-)* 31...Bxf3+ 32.Kxf3+-]

[27...Bd3± 0.74/22 28.Rd1 *(28.Bxd3 Qxd3 29.Bxg5 Qc2+ 30.Kh1 Qd3=)* 28...Qa2]

28.c4+- White wants to mate with Qa5+.

28...Qd7 29.Qa5+ 5.22/5

[⌓29.Bf5 13.82/23 Bb4 30.Qxb4 Pin *(30.Be3+ Kc7+-)* 30...Qxf5 31.Qa5+ Pin, Skewer, Double Attack *(31.Qxb5+ Qxb5 32.Be3+ Qc5+-)* 31...Kc5 32.Qxb5+ *(32.Qxd8 Qc2+ 33.Bd2 Bc6+-)* 32...Kd4 33.Qxf5 gxf4 34.Rd1+ *(34.Qxh7 Kc3 35.Rc1+ Kb4 36.Qb1+ Kc5 37.Qb5+ Kd4 38.gxf4 Rg8+ 39.Kf2 Rg2+ 40.Kxg2 Ke3 41.Qe5+ Kd2 42.Qc3+ Ke2 43.Re1#)* 34...Kc3 35.Rxd8]

29...Kb7 30.Be4+

[30.Qxb5+ Qxb5 31.cxb5 gxf4 32.Bxh7 fxg3±]

[30.Bxh7 gxf4 31.Be4+ *(31.cxb5 fxg3 32.hxg3 Kb8=; 31.Qxb5+ Qxb5 32.cxb5 Kb6±)* 31...Kc8 32.cxb5 *(32.Qxb5 Qxb5 33.cxb5 Rd2+ 34.Kh3 fxg3±)* 32...Qd2+ 33.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 34.Kh3 fxg3 35.hxg3 Kd8±]

30...Bc6 #3/8

[30...Kc8+- 4.89/5 31.Bf5 Pin *(31.Qxb5 Qxb5 32.cxb5 gxf4+-; 31.Bxg5 Bb6+-; 31.cxb5 gxf4 32.Qa6+ Kb8+-)* 31...gxf4 32.Bxd7+

Rxd7 33.Qxb5 *(33.cxb5 Kb7+-)* 33...Rc7]
31.Qa6+ Deflection. White mates.
31...Ka8 32.Qxc6+ Qxc6 33.Bxc6#
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.59.
Loses game: White=1 Black=1
Missed win: --- Black=1
Mistake: White=4 Black=7
Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=5 Black=9
Best: White=3 Black=1
Strong: White=2 --- . An unexpected result.
½-½

C61

□ **Anderssen,Adolf**
■ **Kieseritzky,L**
3: Friendly game 1851
[Garry Kasparov,MH]

C61: Ruy Lopez: Bird's Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 The King's Gambit was the most popular opening of that era: the initiative at any price! The sacrifice of material at an early stage was regarded as a sign of good taste, and to refuse it was considered bad form.
2...Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4? Kieseritzky's favourite move, diverting the bishop away from the f7-square, but this counter-gambit is bad! **5.Bc4** When I was forced to play Black in this position, in a thematic exhibition game with Short (London 1993), I thought for some 10-15 minutes and wanted to resign immediately. I simply did not understand: for what has the pawn been given up?
5...Nf6
[5...h5 0.84/18 5...Nf6 0.34 also leads to a draw . But there is also an interesting try for an advantage – 6.c3!? 0.35/19 , for example: *(6.d3± 0.84/18)* 6...Bc5 7.d3 c6 8.Qf3! -0.08/19 *(8.0-0± 0.49/17)* 8...Qf6 9.Nd2 d6 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qxf6 Nxf6 12.Re1! 0-0 13.h3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.cxd4 Bxd4! 16.Nf3 Bb6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Rxe5 Rad8 , and White's counterplay is nevertheless sufficient for a draw: 19.Be3 Rxd3 20.Bxb6]
6.e5
[6.Qe2 -0.07/19 6.0-0 0.53 d6]
[6.0-0
A) 6...Nxe4 , White's attack, in my view, is sufficient only for a draw: 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 Qf6 11.d3 Bc5 12.Nd2 Rf8 13.Nf3 h6 Wards off Bg5 14.c3 0.16/21 *(14.b3!± 0.96/21)* 14...dxc3= 15.d4! , or 15...Bb6 16.bxc3 d6 17.h4 Be6 18.Re1 Rae8 19.Bd2 -0.79/23 *(19.Qe3=* -0.16/21 *Rh8 20.Qd2)* 19...Qf5 -0.09/21 *(*Black should play *19...Bxa2∓* -0.79/23 *20.Qxb7 Qf7)* 20.Qe3 -0.60/23 *(20.a4=* -0.09/21 *a5 21.Qxf5 Rxf5 22.c4)* 20...Qh5 -0.22/23 *(20...Rh8∓* -0.60/23 *)* 21.a4= a5 22.Qe4 Bd5 -0.01/24 *(22...Bf7!∓* -0.45/22 *23.Qf4 Bd5)* 23.Qxe8= Rxe8 . 24.Rxe8 is also possible Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qxf3 aiming for ...Qd3. 26.Rae1 And now R1e7+ would win. Qg4+ 27.Kf1 R1e7+ is the

strong threat. Qh3+ 28.Kg1 R1e7+ would now be deadly. Qg4+ 29.Kf1 Qh3+ 30.Kg1;

B) 6...Nxe4= 0.19/21 and Black stays safe. 7.Bxf7+ Decoy Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd5+ Kg7 10.Qxe4 c5;

C) 6...Bc5? 1.91/19 7.e5!+- Ng8

C1) 8.Qh5!+- 2.05/18 g6 *(8...Qe7 9.d3)* 9.Qf3;

C2) 8.b4 1.18/20 8...Bxb4 1.65/20 *(8...d5± 1.18/20)* 9.Qg4+- Bf8 10.Qxd4 h6? 3.61/20 *(10...d5± 1.54/18* is a better defense. *)* 11.Nc3 Be7? #9/19 *(11...d5+-* 2.85/19 *)* 12.Qe4? 2.63/19 *(12.Qd5* #9/19 mates *d6 13.Qxf7+ Kd7 14.Be6+ Kc6 15.Bd5+ Kb6 16.Rb1+* Skewer *Ka5 17.Bxb7 Qd7 18.Qb3 Bxb7 19.Qa3+ Qa4 20.Qxa4#)* 12...c6 13.d4 1.81/20 *(⌓13.Qf3* 3.32/21 *d5 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Qxf7+ Kd8 16.Qxg7)* 13...d5+- 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Bxh6?? -4.34/19 . *(15.Bf4!+-* 1.62/21 and all is fine. *Qa3 16.Qe3)* . However, the game is rightly famous for 15...Qxh6 16.Rfe1 -5.92/19 *(⌓16.Qe5* -3.85/21 *)* 16...Qf6 17.Rab1!! (a spectacular concluding sacrifice) g6 White must now prevent ...Rh4. 18.Qe3 mate! Kf8 also a 'quiet' move, with the elementary threat of 19.Ne4 Qh4 20.g3? -#4/10 *(20.h3-+* -2.87/21 *)* 20...Qh3 -5.59/20 . *(⌓20...Qxh2+* -#4/10 *21.Kf1 Bg4 22.Qf3 Bxf3 23.Rxb7 Qh1#)* As was shown by Steinitz, 21.Qf4 f6 -2.96/22 *(⌓21...Qxh2+* -6.77/21 *22.Kf1 Bf5)* 22.Nxf6! -7.39/23 was essential. After *(⌓22.g4* -2.96/22 *)* 22...Bf5! 0.01/24 *(22...Qxh2+-+* -7.39/23 *23.Kf1 Qh3+ 24.Ke2 Nxf6)* 23.Rxe7!= Kxe7?? #6/15 *(23...Qxh2+=* -0.01/24 *24.Kf1 Nxe7 25.Rxb7 Qh6 26.Rxe7 Qh3+ 27.Ke2 Kxe7 28.Qe5+ Kd8 29.Qa5+ Ke7 30.Qe5+ Kd8 31.Qa5+ Ke7 32.Qe5+)* 24.Rxb7+]

6...d5! 7.Bb3 -0.32/21

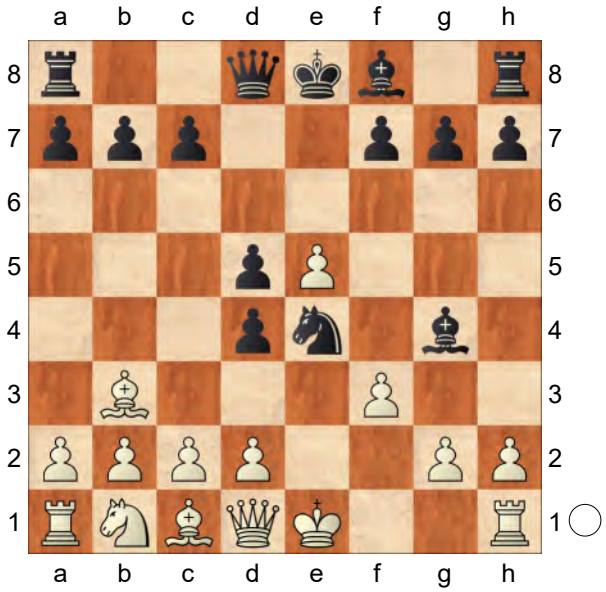
[7.Be2!= 0.07/20]

7...Bg4?! 1.37/21

[7...Nd7]

[7...Nd7∓ -0.32/21]

8.f3?!± Defending against ...Ng3+;. White is clearly better. **8...Ne4**



9.0-0!

[9.fxg4?? -6.02/21 9.0-0 1.81 Qh4+ 10.g3 Nxg3]

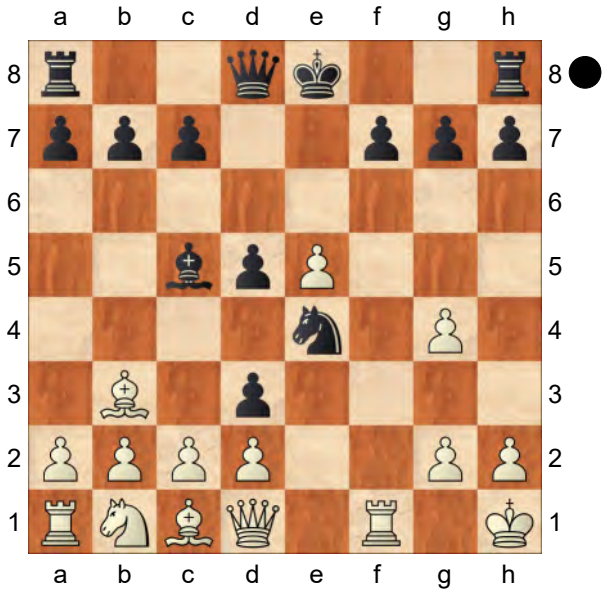
[9.fxg4? is the wrong capture. Qh4+ 10.g3 Nxg3 11.Ba4+ c6-+]

9...d3?! 2.26/22

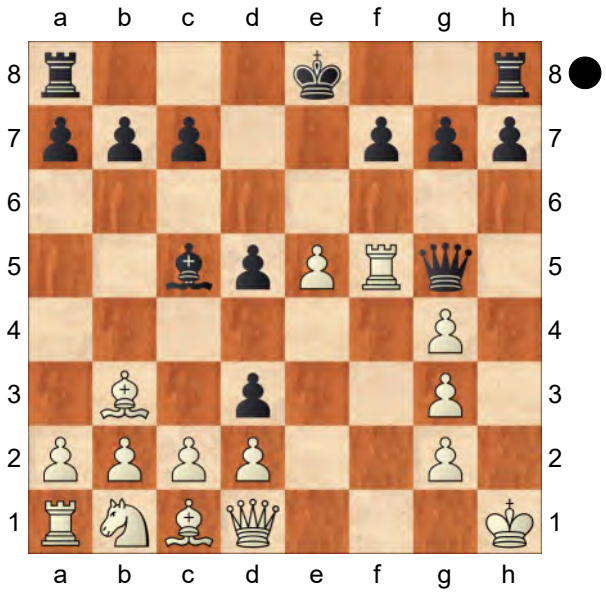
[9...Bh5 10.g4 Nc5 1.59/20 *(⌓10...d3* 1.15/20 *)* 11.gxh5± Strongly threatening d3. a5]

[9...Bh5 1.85/21 was called for.]

10.fxg4? -14.10/24 Another mistake.
[10.Qe1]
[10.Qe1+- 2.26/22]
10...Bc5+-+ 11.Kh1!



A pretty and intuitive bishop sacrifice. **11...Ng3+!** After this Black has an objectively bad position. **12.hxg3 Qg5 13.Rf5**



h5! Deflection. Black mates. **14.gxh5** Threatening the simple Bxf4.
[14.Rxg5 hxg4+ 15.Rh5 Rxh5#]
14...Qxf5 As Euwe states, 'Black is too concerned about retaining his material advantage.' **15.g4 Qf2**
[15...Rxh5+? -3.06/5 15...Qf2 -#6
16.gxh5 Qe4
A) 17.Ba4+ , but analysis by Chigorin proved clear cut: 17...Qxa4 -9.34/21 *(⌓17...c6 -#7/16 18.Bxc6+ bxc6 19.Qf3 Qh4+ 20.Qh3 Qe1+ 21.Kh2 Bg1+ 22.Kh1 Bf2+ 23.Kh2 Qg1#)* 18.b4-+ dxc2? -1.94/23 *(18...Qxb4* -8.90/21 *19.g3 Qe4+ 20.Kh2 Qe2+ 21.Qxe2 dxe2)* 19.Qe1? -5.74/21 *(19.Qg4* -1.94/23 is a better chance. *Qxa2* Decoy *20.Rxa2 cxb1Q 21.bxc5 Qxa2 22.Qxg7)* 19...cxb1Q? -1.91/22 *(19...Qxb4* -5.74/21 Hoping for ... Qg4! *20.Ba3 cxb1R 21.Rxb1 Qxa3)* 20.Rxb1-+ Bxb4 Threatens to win with ...0-0-0! 21.e6 -2.22/21 *(21.Rb3∓* -1.36/21 keeps fighting. *)*;
B) 17.Qf3 Qh4+ , or 18.Qh3 Qe1+ 19.Kh2 Bg1+ etc.
. Steinitz looked for a way to save the game with 20.Kh1 Bf2+ 21.Kh2 Qg1#! (Falkbeer)]
16.g3 Qxg3? An immediately losing move. **17.Ba4+N**
[17.Qf1 Qxg4 18.Qxf7+ Kxf7 19.Bxd5+ Ke7 20.Bg2 Qh4+ 21.Bh3 Qxh3# Chapter Part-Games Chapter Part 4 (19)]
17...Kf8 18.Qf1?! 'The start of a brilliant combination, the correctness of which, however, is dubious' (Euwe). **18...Qh4+? 19.Kg2 Qxg4+ 20.Kh2** . Here Black resigned. **20...Rxh5+ 21.Qh3** . Black loses after **21...Rxh3#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.17 (very precise) .
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=1

Black=2
OK: White=1
Black=2
Best: ---
Black=1
Strong: White=1 ---
. Loss on time!?
1-0